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A health worker collecting the swab samples of a woman in Mumbai | PTI

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PEOPLE VACCINATED ACROSS
INDIA AS ON THURSDAY

MAHARASHTRA: 14,317 NEW CASES
The state recorded 14,317 new cases on Thursday, the highest one-day spike this year. The active case tally stood at 1,06,070, thrice the number in Kerala, which came second with 33,785. As many as 57 deaths were reported, three more than Wednesday

MADHYA PRADESH
Four deaths and 530 new cases were reported on Thursday. The active case tally stood at 4,094. No fresh case was reported in nine of the total 52 districts in the state during the day

GUJARAT
The State added 710 cases to its active tally, taking the number to 4,788 while 451 recovered. No death was reported in 24 hours. Its recovery rate was down to 97.03% from 97.36% last week

TAMIL NADU
■ The State reported 685 fresh cases and five deaths on Thursday, taking the case tally to 8,57,602 and the death toll to 12,535
■ Preventive measures have been strengthened, with flying squads mounting vigil. The Nilgiris has warned of six-month jail to those not wearing masks; 12,06,164 people have been vaccinated so far

Harsh lockdown measures back as Covid climbs

States like Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Gujarat and MP could be at tipping point

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mumbai/New Delhi/Chennai

WITH the fresh Covid case count continuing to climb in Maharashtra, a worried Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday announced total lockdown in some districts of North Maharashtra and Vidarbha, including Nagpur. Stricter measures will be taken if the situation does not improve, he said.

Senior officials at the Centre shared his concern, as Mahara-

ashtra is witnessing the most intense second wave of infections.

Also, states like Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh could be at the tipping point, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan warned.

"We are very worried about Maharashtra," said V K Paul, member, health, Niti Aayog, who also heads the national Covid-19 task force.

"This is a serious matter. It has two lessons — don't take

the virus for granted; and if we have to remain Covid free, then, we need to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, containment strategy and vaccination," Paul said.

Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) director general Balram Bhargava, while ruling out the role of mutant virus in the surge in the cases, put the blame on slackness on the part of the administration and the people.

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K'taka records small peaks in Covid graph since February-end

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER weeks of plateau, the state has been witnessing spurts of increased Covid-19 cases on some days towards the end of February and the beginning of March. While for the most part of February, the new cases were in the range of 300-400 a day in Karnataka, the numbers shot up to anywhere between 500 and 700 on some days. In Bengaluru too, the number of patients testing positive daily hovered around 100 to 200, but increased to between 300 and 400 on some days.

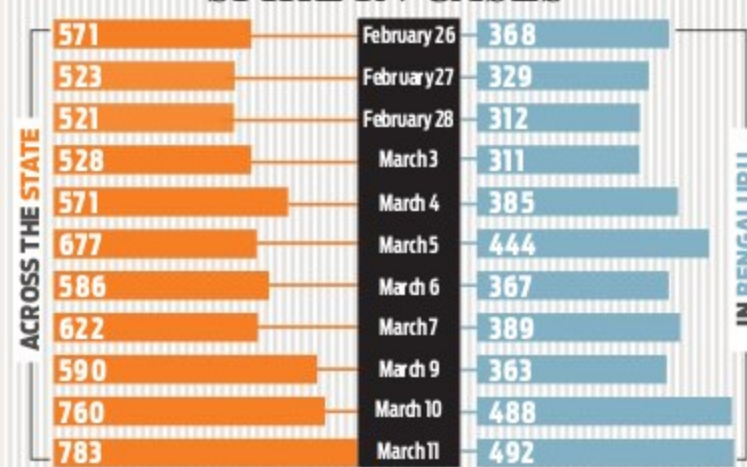
On Thursday, Health and Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar tweeted, "In one day, more than 13,000 cases were recorded in Maharashtra. This is worrying to me. We need to be cautious, wear masks and follow social distance while celebrating festivals, in functions, gatherings. We must avoid crowding." On Wednesday, the minister had also said that the government will ban late-night parties as more

people gather at that time.

In a series of tweets, Sudhakar urged those above 60 and those above 45 with comorbidities to get inoculated. He also tagged Minister of Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar, asking him to take action against private schools, by cancelling their licences, as some of them are reopening classes for Grades 1 to 6 without government approval.

The state reported its first case of a patient with the South African variant of the SARS-CoV2 virus from Shivamogga on Wednesday. In the light of the virus variants, the rise in cases in Maharashtra and Kerala, an expert said that people need to be cautious, but not worried. "When we look at the data on the number of cases and test positivity rate, it does not show a sign of a second wave yet. There is a rise in cases due to increased testing," said Dr Pradeep Banandur, Professor of Epidemiology at NIMHANS and member of state Technical Advisory Committee for Covid-19. P3

SPIKE IN CASES



Time for single NEET again, won't be online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test would be conducted only once this year and it would be a pen-and-paper affair. An earlier proposal to hold an online test twice for admissions to medical and dental colleges will not be implemented this year. The decision follows a meeting between officials of the Union health ministry and the National Testing Agency, the nodal body tasked with conducting NEET, on Wednesday last.

Stating that the decision not to tinker with the test pattern was taken to ease the pressure of students reeling under the pandemic, an official said: "An online test may also prove disadvantageous for the students from rural areas." The NTA will release the examination schedule and brochure in two-three days after a final date is decided. The test is likely to be held either in late June or July.

Earlier, officials had proposed to conduct NEET twice for the first time to ease the pressure off students to perform their best in one attempt.

SEVERE SUMMER BEATS DOWN



Their nests and hatchlings left exposed to the elements and menacing birds of prey, a family of crows hovers protectively around a tree, left bare and dry due to the arid weather. The mercury has been on the upswing, signalling a harsh summer for Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

Sabarimala incidents pained me: Minister

T'puram: In poll-bound Kerala, Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran on Thursday virtually expressed regret for the incidents that rocked the Sabarimala temple in 2018 on women's entry. P5

Apple starts assembly of iPhone 12 in India

New Delhi: Apple Inc is commencing assembly of its iPhone 12 model in the country, a move that is expected to help the US tech giant consolidate its position in the burgeoning smartphone market in India.

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Mamata now says crowd caused accident

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

A day after alleging attack by political opponents in Nandigram, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said her leg injury was caused by an accident.

In a video message from SSKM Hospital, where she is under treatment, Mamata said she was waving to supporters from the footboard of her car and got sandwiched between the door and the front seat due to pressure from the crowd.

Urging TMC workers to stay calm and not do anything that will inconvenience the public, Mamata said she will use a wheelchair and resume her activities in two-three days.

Mamata's medical examination at the hospital revealed cracks on her feet and ankle and injuries on her elbow and shoulder. She complained of chest pain and headache but ECG and MRI reports found no injury. She also underwent CT scan on Thursday. The doctors treating the CM advised her rest for 10 days.

"It is a fact that I was badly hurt. I received injuries on my leg, elbow and shoulder. There were bone and ligament inju-

ries. I suffered chest pain. I was greeting people from the car and the crowd moved forward. The entire pressure was on me and I got sandwiched. I was given medicine that was with me and taken to Kolkata," she said in her video message.

Preliminary investigation by the police, too, revealed the incident was an accident. Senior police officials visited the spot and recorded statements of eye-witnesses. TMC sources said the CM's initial reaction alleging conspiracy and attack might have been made in a fit of rage.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's left leg in a plaster of Paris cast at the SSKM hospital in Kolkata on Wednesday | PTI

"She might have later realised the conspiracy allegation could hurt her own supporters who wanted to have a glimpse of the CM," said a TMC leader.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission reacted sharply to the TMC's memorandum asking the poll body to take responsibility for the "attack".

"It is incorrect to suggest the Commission has taken over the law and order machinery in the state in the name of conducting elections and appropriated the whole governance structure," the EC said. P9

Violence dents democracy, says Deve Gowda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Haradanahalli (Hassan dist)

Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Thursday expressed concern over the alleged assault on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Referring to Mamata as his sister, the JDS supremo wished her speedy recovery, while appealing for restraint on all sides. "I am very much concerned about the health condition of my sister and colleague Mamata Banerjee. I wish her a quick recovery. We all fight elections. We win some lose some, but violence corrodes the spirit of democracy. Hope all sides will observe restraint," he tweeted, tagging TMC's official Twitter handle.

Gowda's concern for Mamata comes at a time when BJP and Congress leaders have alleged that her claims of attack and injuries were untrue. P4

Release cash seized from business partner of DKS' wife, HC tells CBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has directed the CBI to release the amount seized from the premises of a firm, and also from Sachin Narayan, a business partner of Congress leader D K Shivakumar's wife. Sachin is an accused in a case registered by the CBI with regard to disproportionate assets.

Allowing two separate petitions, Justice John Michael Cunha directed the CBI to release the cash to the petitioners, subject to executing an indemnity bond for an equal amount and surety for like

sum to the satisfaction of the trial court.

The first petition was filed by Wellworth Software Pvt Ltd seeking direction to the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the CBI to release an amount of ₹47.98 lakh seized on October 5, 2020, in connection with a case pending before a special court to try criminal cases against elected representatives in the city.

Similarly, Sachin Narayan had also filed a petition seeking directions to CBI to release ₹5.48 lakh seized from his residence.

Noting that there is nothing on record to show that the amount seized from the com-

pany is either proceeds of the crime alleged against Shivakumar or the business dealing of his wife, Justice Cunha said the petitioners are entitled for the interim custody of the seized cash. Even otherwise, the interim release of the seized property does not preclude the CBI from investigating into the source of the said funds of the public servant. The petitioners are not accused of abetting the offence by the public servant. In these circumstances, there is no justification to retain the cash belonging to the petitioners, he said, while setting aside the order passed by the Special Court on November 20, 2020. P5

COLONIAL HERITAGE

Portuguese-era structure, tucked away in Western Ghats, discovered

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

A Portuguese-era heritage structure, built 135 years ago and hidden from sight in the dense Western Ghats on the Karnataka-Goa border since many decades, has been discovered by officials of the Hubli division of South Western Railway. The two-storey heritage structure is situated in the Braganza Ghat section near Castle-rock, just about half-km away from Dudhsagar, one of the beautiful waterfalls in the country on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border.

Excited with the discovery of the original Portuguese architectural building, the South Western Railways (SWR) has

launched an operation not only to preserve it, but also involve heritage lovers to rediscover the unique past of Goa.

The two-storey structure was constructed by the West of India Portuguese Guaranteed Railway (WIPGR) company in 1885. It was a part of the historical WIPGR project taken up during the construction of Mormugao harbour in Goa. The 83-km rail route connected the then Portuguese Goa with British India via the Western Ghats and the construction involved two different companies in two colonial jurisdictions, according to P K Mishra, SWR Additional General Manager, who has initiated the restoration of the structure.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Mishra said, several historical structures of the Portuguese era along the rail line were demolished during the gauge conversion. The recently discovered structure stands testimony to the history and interesting architectural features of the Portuguese period, he added.

Mishra underlined the need to restore the structure in an at-

tempt to revive the past glory of the region along the Karnataka-Goa border. On the restoration plans which his department has, Mishra said, the building will have a heritage gallery on the first and second floors with the ground floor developed as a rest house. "Plans are also afoot to create a heritage walk around Dudhsagar to provide a beautiful view to tourists on this lush green stretch," he said. The 1,200 sq ft two-storey structure served as a railway station when the metre-gauge rail line first opened for operation here. According to sources, the ground floor was the station master's room and two other rooms on the same floor were used as washroom and store-

room. On the first floor, there is a large drawing room, bedroom and a kitchen. The building provides a panoramic view from the second floor.

Mishra added that a treaty was signed in December 1878 at Lisbon between Portugal and Great Britain to lay a rail line on the west coast of India. A committee, under the Duke of Sutherland, visited India to explore the possibilities of having a railway from Mormugao to Castle Rock. The survey, which began in February 1880, was completed in July that year. Later, a contract was inked between the Portuguese and British authorities for the project. The West of India Portuguese Railway Company was then formed.



The two-storey structure, located on the Karnataka-Goa border, was built by the West of India Portuguese Guaranteed Railway company in 1885 | EXPRESS

VIOLATING RULES

Minister fumes as pvt schools reopen Classes 1-5 sans govt order

Suresh Kumar says no one can bypass govt order; asks deputy directors to take action

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING complaints of private schools reopening offline classes for lower primary students, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar has asked all deputy directors of public instruction to take necessary action.

"No one has the liberty to circumvent the government's order which was passed after much thought for the well being of students," he said.

"At present, only Classes 6 to 12 are allowed to open. There is still no permission by the health department to resume school for Classes 1 to 5," the minister said while replying to a public appeal by Health and Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar on Thursday. He sought the intervention of the education minister in taking action. "We have received complaints that private schools have reopened schools for Classes 1 to 6 without the permission of the government," Sudhakar told Kumar in a tweet.

Meanwhile, a petition has been filed in the Karnataka High Court challenging the government's response on lower primary students not being allowed to attend school, while students in the higher grades are. Meanwhile, the additional government advocate awaits the expert opinion regarding the reopening of schools from Classes 1 to 5. The next hearing of the case is on March 16.



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S Suresh Kumar, Primary and Secondary Education Minister

I guide parents to create a portfolio for their children to document their activities — where, with whom and what learning takes place

Indira, founder of Abheek Academy

Homeschooling: Attempts on to create structure

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

DURING the year-long school closure, more parents took to homeschooling their children, and the trend has led to attempts at giving this amorphous movement some structure.

MS Indira, founder of Abheek Academy that aims to create an alternative model of education, started a dedicated resource centre in December to assist parents who want to educate their kids at home. She is approached by parents who have been contemplating the switch for a while, and even those who are forced to home school their children after they lost jobs.

"The pandemic had exposed them to staying home with their children and online classes. These are qualified parents, who started seeing home schooling as a real possibility. I get three to four calls a day, and I guide parents to create a portfolio for their children to document their activities — where, with whom and what learning takes place. This is a substi-

tute for the certificates that schools provide," she said.

Homeschooling consultant Deepa Naidu is coming up with a system to monitor the screen time of children and introduce activity-based learning on alternate days. "Therapeutic classes such as music, art, and dance are being added as options in the package for homeschoolers," she said.

Sandhya, who runs a Facebook group of over 53,000 parents from regular schools, and a few thousand homeschooling parents, said that those who choose to homeschool in the current situation, are mostly focussed on ensuring that their children don't fall behind in academics before they get back to school.

Joshi, a parent, said his peers now realise that it is not hard to home school. "Some even wonder why they should shell out a huge amount for something they can do themselves. There's still a fear of the virus spreading to elderly family members, so younger children are kept home," he added.



HAR HAR MAHADEV

A man helps his son perform puja at Shivoham Shiva Temple, in Bengaluru, on the occasion of Mahashivaratri on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

MISSION 2022 PROJECT: TREE PARKS GO OFF THE GRID

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE horticulture department, which was also a part of Bengaluru Mission 2022 — the document presented by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to improve Bengaluru — has opted out of the project. The department is not keen to be a part of the plan, involving creation of tree parks, due to the recent crises which surrounded it.

A senior horticulture department official seeking anonymity told *TNIE* that ever since the tree park ran into controversy, especially with Turahalli forests, officials were contemplating their next step. But now, the department has conveyed to the government that it will be better if the forest department handles the issue.

"The locations where the tree parks have been proposed, fall under the purview of the forest department. There is no need for us to be a part of it. It is better we opt out because the forest act and rules come into effect and the forest department officials know them best," the official said.

Another official said the government was not keen on the plans and works of the horticulture department. He added that 4-5 tree parks have been proposed and they are either in forest areas or are to be created on the lines of forests itself. "There is no role for the horticulture department in it," the official stated.

Botanical gardens hit fund hurdle, may not bloom

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE horticulture department's plan to create five botanical gardens akin to Lalbagh, in other districts of the state, has come to a standstill due to a fund crunch.

In April 2018, the department had announced the setting up of five botanical gardens — Doddasagara in Tumakuru, Sir M Visvesvaraya in Chikkaballapura, Limbavadi in Mysuru, Sirsi and Tarakanahalli in Uttara Kannada and Kannamangala in East Bengaluru. Former IFS officer Dr A N Yelappa Reddy, part of the department's advisory committee, had recommended it and a master plan was prepared.

"Work is moving at snail's pace because of a fund crunch. While 90% of the work is com-

plete in Chikkaballapura, it has come to a halt because of the buffer zone regulation. It takes many years to create a botanical park, especially like Lalbagh. In most places, planned plantation work is not being done," said an official.

Annually, around ₹22-₹25 crore is given to the department, of which 70-80 per cent goes towards maintenance and salaries, and the remaining 20 per cent is used for plantation work. The official added that in Doddasagara, less than 40 per cent of plantation work has been done on 223 acres. In Kannamangala, the plan was to plant pepper creepers along with the existing coconut groves, but very little progress has been made. Plantation work started in Sirsi but is very slow.



A file picture of Lalbagh Botanical Garden | EXPRESS

Panchayat member takes hammer to crack nut



The demolished slabs of the drain in front of Mana Candela Apartment | EXPRESS

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

FOR the past six days, residents of Mana Candela Apartment in Kodathi Colony, off Sarjapur Road, are facing difficulty entering their homes.

The entrance to the apartment and the parking space have allegedly been wrecked by a panchayat member using an excavator, while complaints to the local police station, Mahadevapura MLA Aravind Limbavadi, and the panchayat, did not get them justice.

A common drain in front of the apartment kept getting blocked repeatedly due to untreated sewage being let into it by apartments in the vicinity.

"We had requested the panchayat to clear the blocked drain. On March 6, around 10.30 am, some residents noticed slabs covering the drain at the entrance, and another slab covering a drain in front of the parking lot, being demolished. We found Santhosh, a panchayat member, and a contractor, Lakshmi

Reddy, demolishing them. After some protest, they stopped, but the damage was done," Mana Candela Owners Association president Rajinish Agrawal told *TNIE*.

Varthur police confirmed the incident, but attempted to play it down. "We will call those responsible on Friday to sort out the issue. The contractor will be ordered to pay for the damages," an officer said. Limbavadi's office said the apartment residents had their backing.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12th March: I have been looking further into the theory of parallel universes lately - the idea that many other universes exist in other dimensions in the same space as ours, containing other versions of us! Some people have always thought that this provides an explanation for ghosts or UFOs - and we have to admit, it's as good an explanation as any!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your lunar alignments look decidedly favourable, even if the result is that you are more emotional than usual. Just remember not to let your feelings run away with you. And, one other thing - when life is going your way you need to make sure you don't leave others behind.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Respect a partner's confidence and understand that other people's points of view may be understandable but different from yours. Don't pass judgement on those who fall below your high standards, and do try to be as understanding and sympathetic as possible.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You're entering a new era of cycle. Secrecy will be important. It could be that you wish to keep your feelings to yourself, but it also seems to be the case that a dash of mystery will spice up your emotional life. Just make sure that you don't go behind somebody's back.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You're now entering a more sociable phase, and you should sit down, get on the phone and fix up a few parties. At work, continue to keep a weather eye open for employees who don't know whether they're coming or going! You might be expected to clear up the mess!

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

From now on, at work, you should be as significant as what you know. It is therefore going to be incredibly important to make allies and influence people. Plus, your romantic aspirations will become more influenced by your desire for recognition and status.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Business affairs should be tidied up today, so don't hang around if you think you've been dodged. You may be strapped for cash, but this will change once Jupiter has had its full impact on your chart. That, however, might not be for another few months.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Pay greater attention to your partner's desires. You must realise the most fun and the best experiences can be had by allowing other people to take the lead. That way they take the blame if your plans don't work out - and you share the pleasure if they do!

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Be thankful you were born under a Zodiac sign that is loyal, faithful and true, so long as partners treat you properly. Over the next few days you may have to provide valuable support to loved ones who are under pressure. If you do your bit now, it won't be forgotten.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The shift that in your chart today indicates that conditions at work will improve, and that your part in such changes will be considerable. At home, delegate tasks more effectively. After all, there is no reason why others shouldn't contribute their fair share.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

There is bound to be a fair bit of domestic confusion/family muddle, even if on a minor scale. Trivial engagements may be affected - and perhaps postponed. There is a reason the gulf that has now opened between how you would like things to be and the way they really are.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Domestic entertaining begins to look a more promising possibility. Family gatherings could be pleasant but expected. At work, financial rewards should now be in the bag, else you may have to wait a few months, by which time circumstances will have moved on.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Although things may seem a little too slowly, there may be nothing you can do about it. You might now have to accept that social plans, romantic hopes and professional goals could be deferred. But then, that will give you more time to get your act together.

THE PHANTOM



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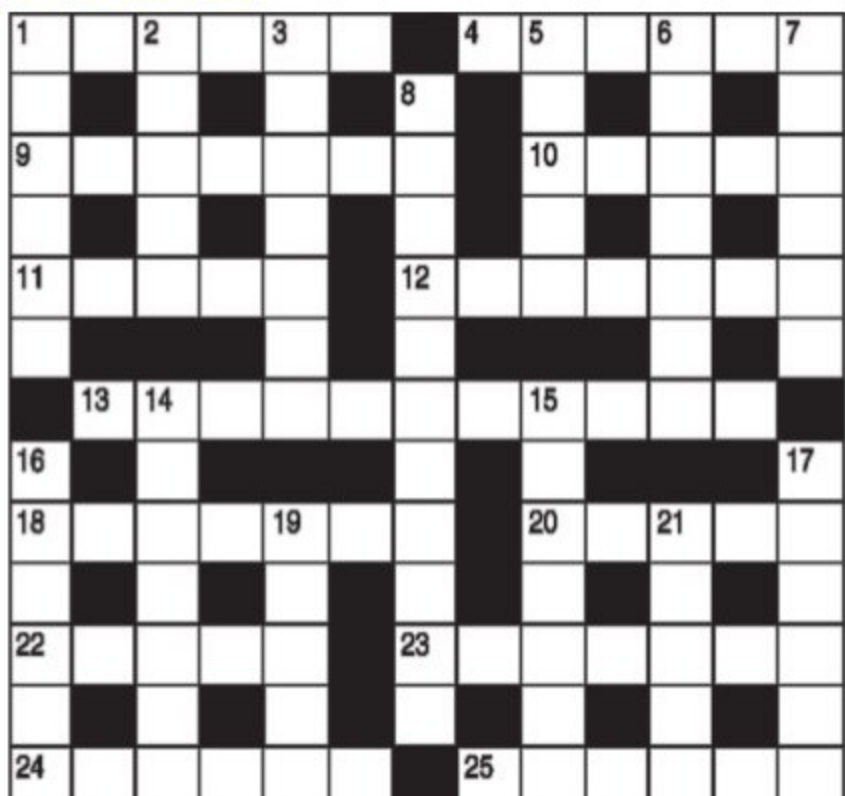
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HARD: Test your number crunching skills with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Sweet deceiver (6)
- Paper required - the first edition (6)
- The ways people eat (7)
- Put in last place (5)
- Decorative only given to subordinates? (5)
- Uniform for a soldier (7)
- Useful when writing streams of letters? (7)
- Shape incorporating one part of the body and another (7)
- Article on companies making drink (5)
- A shortage? Oh dear! (5)
- He meant to be confident (7)
- Badly rusted piece of cleaning equipment (6)
- Shylock is certain to be found in the old city (6)

DOWN

- Bully for him (6)
- Shape that betrays a lack of freshness (5)
- Disconnect by someone taking turns (7)
- Freezing some confectionery (5)
- Prepared scheme - for winning a tennis match? (3,4)
- Mistakes in a Shakespearean comedy (6)
- No more stars for night watchmen (11)
- They're not often miscast in Westerns (7)
- They may rise up in anger (7)
- Fearfully impressed (6)
- Monarch in pursuit of support (6)
- An animal with horns turns up on foot (5)
- A rich sort of job for a professor (5)

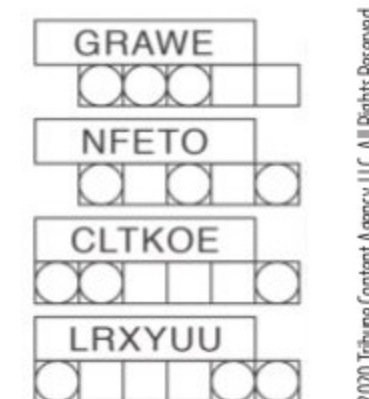
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Records, 5 Tapes, 8 Complimentary, 9 Scrap, 10 Arrange, 11 Rushes, 12 Adepts, 15 Chemist, 17 Alarm, 19 Transgression, 20 Large, 21 Sagger.

Down: 1 Races, 2 Compressed air, 3 Release, 4 Sampar, 5 Xenon, 6 Plain speaking, 7 Shyness, 11 Recital, 13 Dead Sea, 14 Stores, 16 Issue, 18 Manor.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print Yours answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: SHIFT MOUND OPPOSE MOTIVE
ANSWER: The difference between the sounds made by the cows and the bulls was a "moo" POINT

Vaccinated or not, you can still claim Covid insurance

Officials rubbish rumours, say Covid +ve test report sufficient to claim coverage

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THERE have been rumours circulating on social media about people having to show acknowledgement of taking the Covid vaccine to insurance companies to cover hospitalisation for Covid-19. If there is no record of the person being vaccinated, there will be a hike in premium, the rumours state. However, when TNIE checked with multiple insurance companies and sources in the insurance sector, they said there is no link between vaccination and corona insurance cover, as of now.

From a regulatory framework, there is no need to produce a Covid vaccination certificate right now as the insurance policy is not designed that way. Going forward, only if the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) makes it compulsory can insurance companies ask for any certificate, said Girish Rao, chairman and managing director of insurance firm Vidal Health.

"As for a hike in premium, if the

person is not vaccinated and needs Covid insurance cover, there is no such information from regulators. It is too premature to conclude on this as it depends on whether the government decides to make vaccination compulsory as a public policy. It will also depend on the risk factor, as vaccinating a large number of the population is expected to bring herd immunity in people," Rao added.

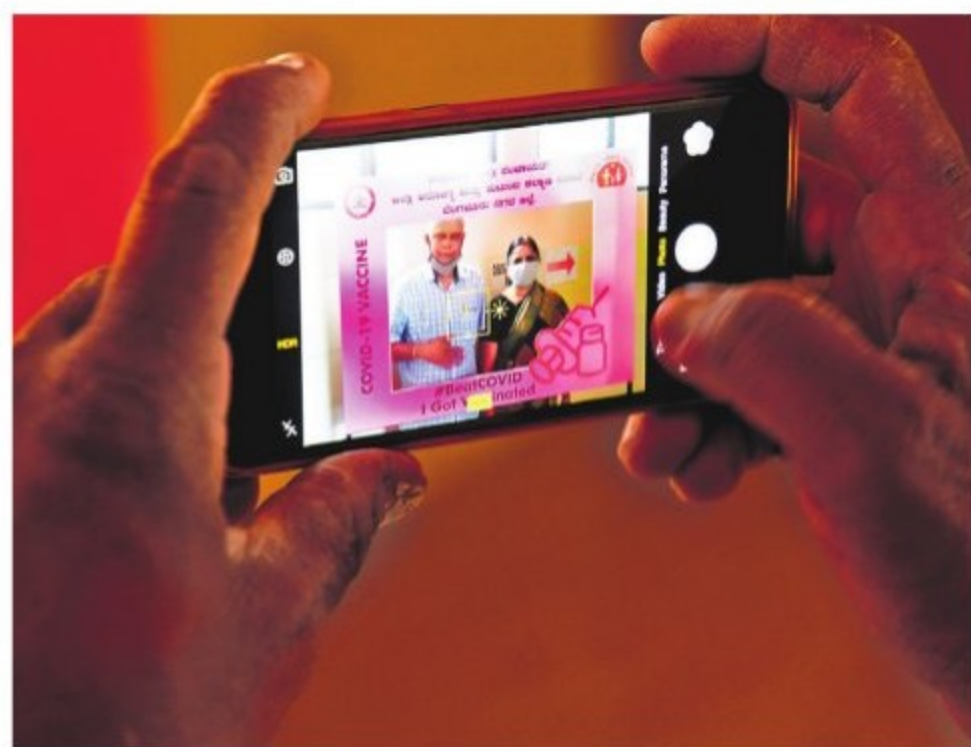
Amjad Khan, Director, Head Employee Benefit Practice at Anand Rathi Insurance Brokers Pvt Ltd, and Sanjay Datta, Chief Underwriting, Claims and Reinsurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance, also echoed the same. Datta said that the need for vaccination acknowledgement and hike in premium for not having been vaccinated are rumours. As per the latest regulator guidelines, the pandemic is covered under all group health plans and no insurer can deny Covid claims under a normal group health plan. Thus, vaccinated or not, the customer would not have to produce

any certification as the policy will cover it irrespective of either situation, Khan said.

"People would buy the specific Covid insurance policy to cover corona claims as that would be much cheaper than buying a health insurance plan. If there is the Covid vaccine acknowledgement, there could be discounts on the premium payable for the health plan (10-15%) or the Covid plan (30-40%)," Khan added.

Suresh Ramegowda, senior wealth manager at an insurance company, said that the Corona Kavach insurance policy mandated by the regulator does not depend on vaccination but on sum insured, age and period of insurance policy.

A source from the public sector insurance said Covid vaccination affecting insurance cover is fake news. A Covid positive report is enough to claim the insurance and premium is dependent on the age of the person, as per IRDAI instructions, the source said.



ZEITGEIST

A man takes a picture of his parents posing at C V Raman General Hospital after they get their vaccine shot | SHIRAM BN

'Following Covid norms will help contain spread'

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"WE cannot be relaxed, but need not be unduly worried while remaining cautious and vigilant," said Dr Pradeep Banandur, Professor of Epidemiology at NIMHANS and member of state Technical Advisory Committee for Covid-19.

He pointed out that enforcing mask rule, social distancing, restrictions on gatherings at marriages and functions along with increasing Covid vaccination centres are necessary to contain further spread. "Immunising as many people as possible will either prevent a second wave or reduce its impact, as compared to what we see in Maharashtra and Kerala," he pointed out.

Marshals keep a check on crowds on Mahashivaratri

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TO manage crowds and ensure that Covid norms are followed on Mahashivaratri, Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike marshals were stationed as early as 7 am at many religious institutions and public places on Thursday.

They told people the importance of wearing masks and maintaining distance in queues. At many places, they were also seen asking temple authorities to allow fewer people in at a time.

Redd Col C Rajbeer, head of BBMP marshals, said around three or four Marshals were assigned to each of over 35 temples. These included Vishveshwara Shiva Temple, Someshwara temple, Mahadeshwara Swamy Devasthanam, Nilakanteshwara temple, Nageshwara temple and Amruteshwara devalaya and others.

"We preferred not to penalise anyone, but just made them aware of the dangers. Marshals were also told to ensure that the religious spirit is not dampened," he said.

BBMP health officials were also deployed to check on the norms and coordinate with marshals.

EXPRESS READ

Shivamogga man with S Africa variant tests -ve

SHIVAMOGGA: A 53-year-old man who was infected with the South African variant of coronavirus has tested negative, according to the result of a follow-up sample test on Thursday. DHO Dr Rajesh Suragihalli stated in a release that the man's nine primary contacts and 30 secondary contacts also tested negative. The man had arrived from Dubai and landed in Bengaluru 19 days ago. He headed to Shivamogga after giving samples for a test to airport authorities. The report had come positive on Wednesday. However, the follow-up sample tested negative.ENS

Get antibody tests before and after vaccine shot: Experts

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HEALTH professionals have called for the general public to get antibody tests done before and after taking a shot of the Covid vaccine, both for research purposes and possibly to help reduce hesitancy. However, other experts disagree, calling them unscientific and unnecessary.

Giving that the pandemic is ongoing, "it is a logical step to conduct antibody tests", says Dr Kavitha M P, lead consultant at the department of microbiology and molecular biology at Aster Labs. "This can only make reporting robust and help analyse variation levels. They can also prove beneficial if conducted before administering a vaccine as it can help clinicians know the starting levels of antibodies a person has and it can assist in evaluating any change in antibody levels that the vaccine induces, especially the development of antibodies directed against the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein," she said.

Dr Sujay Prasad, medical director of Neuberg Anand Reference Laboratory, said, "I have always been of the view that antibody tests should be done before and after the vaccine is given."

He said that 160 of 180 of their staff had undergone antibody tests before and after the first vaccine shot, and will do again after the second one. "Many were even surprised to see that they had high antibody levels and were infected with the virus even though they did not know that they were positive. If we see the antibodies increase before the first and after second dose, we can assume the vaccines work," he said.

Authorities at Ramaiah Memorial Hospital will carry out antibody tests on its staff who have been vaccinated. "We will look at



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Dr Giridhar Babu,
State expert committee member

the presence of antibodies after two weeks in people who have taken the shot. This will help us know better how the vaccine has worked," said Dr Naresh Shetty, president of Ramaiah Memorial Hospital.

However, Dr Giridhar Babu, member of the state expert committee, said the tests were not necessary. "It will be an additional cost. Antibody tests are qualitative and not quantitative. It will not be useful. At the individual level if one wants to get it done, it will work. But in terms of public health action, it is not advisable," he said.

CEO of Prakriya Hospitals Dr Srinivas Chirukuri too held similar views. "Generally, companies test vaccine efficacy through trials. Unfortunately due to lack of time, we are yet to learn about the benefits of the vaccine. Doing random antibody tests on individuals is not a scientific way of ascertaining efficacy," he said.

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Regional Director, RBI, Bengaluru
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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors and public in general, that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this 6th March of the year 2021.

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (NOW DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED), Bengaluru Main Branch, for an amount of ₹97,52,39,844.21 (Rupees ninety seven crore fifty two lac thirty nine thousand eight hundred forty four and paise twenty one only) as on 05-03-2021 and interest from 28-02-2021 and charges thereon.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Properties

Property No. 1: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy. No. 2/3** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 38 gunta**, Bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy. No. 2/5, On the West by Land bearing Sy. No. 2/2, On the North by Village boundary of Amane Bellandur Khane and land bearing Sy. No. 81, On the South by land bearing Sy. No. 2/4-B, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 2: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy. No. 2/4 B** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 1 Acre 16 gunta**, bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy. No. 2/5, On the West by Land bearing Sy. No. 85, On the North by land bearing Sy. No. 2/2 & 2/3, On the South by land bearing Sy. No. 2/4A1 & 2/4A2, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 3: All that piece and parcel of immovable property converted and undeveloped being dry land bearing **Sy. No. 2/5**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 22 gunta**, bound: On the East by Road, On the West by remaining Land in same Sy. No. 2/5, On the North by graveyard, On the South by remaining land in same Sy. No. 2/5, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 4: All that piece and parcel of immovable property converted and undeveloped being dry land bearing **Sy. No. 2/5P2**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 19 gunta**, bound: On the East by remaining land in the same Sy. No. 2/5, On the West by land bearing Sy. No. 2/3, On the North by graveyard, On the South by remaining land in same Sy. No. 2/5, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 5: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy. No. 67/6**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 4 gunta**, bound: On the East by remaining land in the same Sy. No. 67/6, On the West by land bearing Sy. No. 67/4, On the North by nala, On the South by land bearing Sy. No. 67/5 and approach road, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 6: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy. No. 67/9** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 4 gunta**, Bound: On the East by remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 67/9, On the West by land bearing Sy. No. 67/8, On the North by Raja Kaluve, On the South by Raja Kaluve and Road, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 7: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy. No. 67/9** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 8 gunta**, Bound: On the East by remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 67/9, On the West by remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 67/9, On the North by Nala, On the South by remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 67/9, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 8: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being duly converted from agriculture to non-agricultural-residential purposes situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, **measuring 3 Acre forming part of Sy. No. 69/1**, Bound: On the East by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 69/1, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. 70/2 and pathway, On the North by: Raja Kaluve, On the South by: Pathway, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 9: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted and undeveloped land bearing **Survey No. 69/4 measuring 1 acre 22 gunta**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru urban District, Bengaluru and Bound : On the East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 69/5A and 69/5B, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69/3 and Approach Road, On the North by: Nala, On the South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69/9, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 10: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted and undeveloped dry land bearing **Survey No. 69/5A measuring 32 gunta** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and Bound on the East by: Land bearing Sy.No. 69/7, On the West: Land bearing Sy.No. 69/4, On the North by: Nala and approach road and On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 69/5B and approach road, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 11: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy.No. 70/2 measuring 2 acre 0.5 gunta** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District Bound (as per Sale Deed) On the East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69/1, On the West by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy. No. 70/2, On the North by: Raja Kaluve, On the South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69/1 and (As per MODT) On the East by: Property belonging to Sri Sampangi Reddy, On the West by property belonging to Sri Ramaswamy Reddy, On the North by Raja Kaluve, On the South by property belonging to Sri Sampangi Reddy, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 12: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted and undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 72/2 measuring 12 gunta** (inclusive of regularization of 1 gunta A Kharab Land) situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk , Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and Bound: On the East by: Amane Bellandur Khane Village Boundary, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 74/2, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 73/2 and On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 72/1, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 13: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted and undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 74/2 measuring 1 acre 23 gunta and 2 gunta of B Kharab Land**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and bound On the East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 72/1 and 72/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 73/1, 74/1 and 75/1, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 73/1, 73/2 and 74/1 and On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 71/3, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 14: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 413/1 measuring 4 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 413/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 412/3, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 418/2 and On the South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 414/1, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 15: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 414/1 measuring 10 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 414/2, On the West by: Sorahunse Village boundary, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 413/1 and On the South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 415/1, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No.16: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 415/1 measuring 4 ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 415/2, On the West by: Sorahunse Village Boundary, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 414/1 and On the South by: Remaining portion of the same Survey Number, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 17: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 415/1 measuring 9 ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 415/2, On the West by: Sorahunse Village Boundary, On the North by: Remaining portion of the same Survey Number and On the South by: Nala, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 18: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped dry land bearing **Sy.No. 415/1 measuring 10 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy. No. 415/2, On the West by: Sorahunse Village Boundary, On the North by: Remaining portion of the land bearing survey Number 415/1, and On the South by: Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 415/1, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 19: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 416/1 measuring 3 ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 416/2A, On the West by: Remaining portion of the same survey number, On the North by: Land bearing Survey No. 418, and On the South by: Remaining Portion of the Same Survey number, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 20: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 416/1 measuring 36 ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 416/2A and 416/2B, On the West by: Land bearing Survey No. 413/2, 414/2, 415/2, On the North by: Remaining portion of the same Survey Number and On the South by: Sorahunse Village Boundary, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 21: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 416/2A measuring 8 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 417/1, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 416/1, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 418 and On the South by: Land bearing Survey No. 416/2B, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 22: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 416/2B measuring 1 acre 5 ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 417, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 416/1, On the North by: Remaining portion of the same survey Number and On the South by: Road and Kaluve, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 23: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 416/2B measuring ½ gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 417/1, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 416/1, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 416/2A and On the South by: Remaining portion of the same Survey Number, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 24: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 417/1 measuring 18 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and bound: On the East by Remaining Portion of the same survey number. , On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 416/2, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 418 and On the South by: Land bearing Survey No. 417/2, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 25: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 417/1 measuring 25 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban district Bengaluru and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 420/1, On the West by: Remaining Portion of the Survey No. 417/1, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 418 and On the South by: Land bearing Survey No. 417/2 and 417/3, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 26: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 420/1 measuring 1 acre 9 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban district Bengaluru and bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy.No. 421, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 417/1, and 417/2, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 419 and On the South by: Land bearing Survey No. 420/2, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 27: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 420/2 measuring 17 gunta**, situated in Amane Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District Bengaluru and bound: On the East by: Land bearing Sy.No. 421/7, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 417/3, On the North by: Land Bearing Sy.No. 420/1 and On the South by: Sorahunse Village Boundary, **Standing in the name of: CPIPL**,

Property No. 28: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted land bearing **Survey No. 69/1 measuring 32 gunta**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 69/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 69/2 owned by Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu, On the North by: Raja Kaluve and Road, On the South by: Land belonging to Sri. S.V.Ramachandra Reddy, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu**,

Property No. 29: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted land bearing **survey No. 69/2 measuring 38 gunta**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bound: On the East by: Land belonging to Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 69/1, On the North by: Raja Kaluve and Road and On the South by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy.No. 69/2, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu**,

Property No. 30: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No. 69/3** Sorahunse Village Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, **measuring 1 acre 26 gunta** and Bound: On the East by : Property belonging to Sri Dasaratha Reddy, On the West by: Property belonging to Sri. Aswath Reddy, On the North by: Raja Kaluve and On the South by: Property belonging to Sri. Dasaratha Reddy, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu**,

Property No. 31: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No. 69/6** Sorahunse Village Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, **measuring 1 acre** and bound: On the East by: Property belongs to Sri. Narayana Reddy, On the West by: Land surrounded by Sy.No. 69/7, On the North by property belongs to Smt. Shanthamma and On the South by: Property belongs to Sri. Dasaratha Reddy, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu**,

Property No. 32: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No. 69/7**, Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, **measuring 27.08 gunta** and bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 69/6, On the West by: Property belonging to Sri. Dasaratha Reddy, On the North by: Property belongs to Sri. Venkatappa Reddy and On the South by Property belongs to Sri. Dasaratha Reddy, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu**,

Property No. 33: All that piece and parcel of the converted land of immovable property bearing **Sy.No. 71/3 measuring 36 gunta**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bound: On the East by Small Kaluve and property belonging to Sri. Obbala Reddy, On the West by Remaining portion of Sy.No. 71/3 belonging to Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu, On the North by: Remaining portion of the same Sy.No. 71/3 belonging to Smt. Kumudha Kumar babu and on the south by: Raja Kaluve, **Standing in the name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.**

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No time limit for probe into CD-gate: HM

Special Investigation Team has complete freedom to probe all angles, says Bommai; May file FIR if necessary

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HOME Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said the government has not set any time limit for the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to complete the probe into the sleaze CD episode which had led to the resignation of Ramesh Jarkiholi as minister.

Bommai, however, said the SIT has been told to complete the investigation at the earliest.

The government ordered a probe by the SIT after Ramesh had claimed that the CD was fake and there was a political conspiracy against him. He even alleged that the CD had damaged his reputation.

"The government has given complete freedom to the SIT to probe all aspects and we cannot set any time limit for the completion of the probe. However, we have directed the SIT to complete the investigation at the earliest as we have to inform people about what happened," the minister said.

The preliminary probe will be taken up based on Ramesh's letter and if the SIT deems it fit, it can register a First Information Report (FIR) based on the findings during the initial probe and continue further investigations.

On March 3, Jarkiholi resigned following the controversy, but Bengaluru-based RTI activist Dinesh Kallahalli -- who had accused the BJP leader of exploiting a woman -- withdrew the complaint.

Meanwhile, six ministers secured a temporary injunction from a city civil and sessions court, restraining the media from telecasting or publishing any defamatory content against them. The ministers said there was a big political conspiracy to tarnish their image and had urged the government to probe it.

The government on Wednesday decided to constitute the SIT headed by Additional Commissioner of Police (West) Soumendu Mukherjee to investigate all the aspects of the case.



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Basavaraj Bommai, Home Minister

Investigation is just eyewash: HDK

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FORMER Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday said the State Government's decision to set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the sleaze CD episode, which had led to the resignation of Ramesh Jarkiholi as minister, was mere eyewash. The JDS leader told reporters here that the government will get a report from the forensic lab stating that the CD is fake, and wrap up the case. Nothing will come out of the SIT probe, he said.

"Against whom will they conduct an investigation. No culprit has been booked or punished by these agencies in the past," he said, referring to an officer who allegedly swindled ₹20 crore from the Ramanagara-Channarayana Development Authority and is now with Bangalore Development Authority.

Kumaraswamy said that Ramesh Jarkiholi, who was earlier with the Congress, is aware of who is behind the CD incident, but added that no one should use the issue to gain political mileage as it could send



Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy addresses the media in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSANKAR

a wrong message to society. The "recent ugly incidents" would have made Jarkiholi realise that "it would not have happened if he (Kumaraswamy) was in power", he added.

He also downplayed the meeting between former JDS MLA Madhu Bangarappa and Congress leader Siddaramaiah. "They might have developed a strong relationship as the JDS-Congress coalition had fielded Madhu in the 2018 Lok Sabha bypolls," he quipped.

Referring to the ₹500-crore grant announced for the Vokkaliga Development Corporation in the recent budget,

he said, "There is no mention of when the fund will be released... it could take years."

In his native Haradanahalli, Kumaraswamy said the State Government has ordered an SIT probe to protect itself, and that the CD row had demoralised the state's politicians. Referring to BJP MLA Basavanna Patil Yatal's statement that 23 more CDs are to be released, he said the government should put an end to the issue. He also slammed the ministers for approaching court to restrain media organisations from publishing or airing any defamatory material.



ONE YEAR ON

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar poses with children at a programme organised to mark one year of his appointment as the Congress state unit chief, in Bengaluru on Thursday

Big 3 confident of victory in gram panchayat polls

We will do well in 500 of the 669 seats. The party is meeting early next week to finalise candidates for each one of the 669 seats of the 147 gram panchayats going to polls

Nalin Kumar Kateel, BJP state chief

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BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

ELECTIONS to 669 Gram Panchayats, scheduled to be held on March 29, with the results due on March 31, have got the three major parties working out strategies and campaign minutiae, unwilling to cede any territory to rivals.

Exuding confidence, MP Nalin Kumar Kateel and Bharatiya Janata Party state president told *The New Indian Express*, "We will do well in 500 of the 669 seats." He said the party is meeting early next week to finalise candidates for each one of the 669 seats of the 147 gram panchayats going to polls. The date for filing of nominations is March 19, and the party will compile the list by March 18, so the candidates can file their papers, Kateel said.

Congress state party president DK Shivakumar said the Congress is working

on the panchayat election strategy. "I have directed party colleagues regarding the process of shortlisting candidates for the polls," he said, sounding confident about the party's performance. "We will do well in the Gram Panchayat wards going to polls," he added. The party will be meeting on Monday or Tuesday to finalise the names and intimate the candidates, he added.

JDS leader and former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy told TNIE that his party has already met three or four times to discuss the issue, and that he had instructed party leaders at the district and taluk levels to finalise the list of names, which will be ratified.

On the BJP's claim that they would do well in about 500 of the 669 constituencies, he said if they are allowed to say it, they will claim a win in all 669 seats. He ridiculed BJP leaders, saying that last time too, they had said the Gram Panchayat polls were a one-sided affair and they had done well, but a closer examination of the results proved that the JDS and Congress had done better than the BJP.

While all three parties are confident of winning, the Congress and JDS, having been in the game longer, have traditionally done well in panchayat elections in the past. The BJP's claim is that it is the ruling party in the State and Centre, and this power will see them through to victory. Whatever their claims, the three parties are preparing for a grassroots battle, right down to the last panchayat seat.



EXPRESS READ

'Don't implement recommendations of Sadashiva panel report'

KALABURGI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders belonging to Banjara community, including MLAs, MLCs and a minister met Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu here on Wednesday and requested him not to implement the recommendations of the Sadashiva Committee Report at any cost. Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, ST Morcha Secretary of BJP Namadev Rathod said that Minister for Animal Husbandry Prabhu Chauhan and Chairman of Banjara Development Corporation Rajiv were present when the memorandum was submitted to Sriramulu. The minister has assured the delegation of discussing the matter with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, he added.

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Madhu makes his move, to join Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Shivamogga

JDS leader Madhu Bangarappa on Thursday announced his plan to join the Congress officially. Madhu, whose brother Kumar Bangarappa is a BJP MLA, met Congress Legislature Party chief Siddaramaiah and confirmed his move to the Congress.

The jump was anticipated ever since Madhu, son of former Chief Minister S Bangarappa, distanced himself from the JDS after Nikhil Kumaraswamy — son of former CM H D Kumaraswamy and grandson of former PM HD Deve Gowda — was appointed JDS youth wing president.

"Madhu Bangarappa, who has decided to join the Congress, met me today and spoke to me," tweeted Siddaramaiah. Madhu, too, confirmed that he



Madhu Bangarappa (second from right) greets former chief minister Siddaramaiah at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Thursday

will join the Congress.

Madhu, a former JDS MLA, tried to clear the air on the occasion of his 53rd birthday at Shivamogga on March 2, that the time had come to take a political decision and described it as a "birthday of change". Congress sources said that

Madhu is meeting senior Congress leaders prior to joining the party, and that KPCC president D K Shivakumar had invited him to move, as he was close to the Bangarappa family.

"Madhu is joining the party along with his supporters at a

grand convention. The venue and date will be decided soon," said a senior Congress leader from Shivamogga district.

There are also possibilities of Madhu joining the Congress in Shivamogga when senior party leaders, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Siddaramaiah and others arrive in the city on Saturday to stage a protest against the BJP for targeting Bhadravathi MLA B K Sangameshwar.

"Since Saturday is Amavasya, Madhu may not join on that day. There is also a possibility that he may join on Saturday itself at a simple function, and a grand convention will be held after some days. Shivakumar has also suggested that Madhu join the party at a grand function. A final decision on the date and venue will be taken soon," added the Congress leader.

Kumaraswamy: Attack on Mamata worrisome

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FORMER Karnataka Chief Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader H D Kumaraswamy, too, said the attack on Mamata Banerjee was worrisome.

"Mamata Banerjee is a much-loved leader who has given a clean government in West Bengal. She has immense support from the people. She has the strength to take on anyone and win in West Bengal. She will win the Assembly election too. We should now give her moral support and I stand by her," the former chief minister said.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters at his native Haradanahalli in Hassan district, JDS

supremo and former prime minister Deve Gowda said the BJP shouldn't stoop to this level to win the polls in West Bengal, and that politicians should accept the people's mandate.

He also hit out at former chief minister Siddaramaiah for his statement that the Congress will get a majority if the Assembly polls are held immediately.

"Elections are not held based on Siddaramaiah's directives... the Election Commission is an autonomous body and it will decide when to hold polls," he said.

He also expressed displeasure over Ashok, son of late JDS MLA MC Managuli, joining the Congress.



COVID TIMES

MLC writes to CM to avoid wasteful spend during Bengaluru film festival

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

BJP MLC Mohan Kumar Kondajji, a recognised filmmaker, has written to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar, urging them to avoid wasteful expenditure during the upcoming BIFFES — Bangalore International Film Festival 2021. He said he had placed the issue before the Legislative Council as a starred question, to be answered on March 16.

In his letter to the CM, he pointed out that BIFFES starts on March 24 and ends on March 31, and about 40 per cent or nearly Rs 2 crore of the Rs 5 crore budget is spent on inaugural and closing ceremonies. He told TNIE that they had recently invited a top Bollywood star and paid a phe-

nomenal sum of money. One star who recently participated

in the Bollywood event was paid close to Rs 1 crore, and said that such wasteful expenditure can be avoided, especially since the economy was hit, and revenue was affected due to the global Covid pandemic. He said he had met the principal secretary for information and broadcasting Anjum Pervez, and insisted that this kind of wasteful expenditure should be avoided.

Kondajji, a nominated Legislative Council member who had won a Film-

fare award, said this time, considering the pandemic, "We

don't know how many foreign delegates are going to be there, and the information is that a negligible number will be present because of the global pandemic. At a time like this, they can very well avoid wasteful expenditure and do away with extravagant inaugural and closing ceremonies in stadiums or places using expensive sets which do not benefit anybody."

He said that housing delegates in five-star hotels and using expensive cabs could all be considered wasteful because of Covid.



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In pandemic year, fund cuts and jugglery may not reboot education system

After a cut of 8.4 per cent for school education, and 2.8 per cent reduction for higher education (14 per cent and 8.8 per cent after adjusting for inflation) in the Central budget earlier this year, all eyes were on the State education budget. For FY 2020-21, only about 87.2 per cent of the budgeted amount for school education, and 83.4 per cent of funds for higher education in the Central budget could be spent, very likely due

to the combined effect of a revenue squeeze and inability to execute projects in a pandemic. Irrespective of the reasons, non-utilisation of last year's budget and reduction in the education budget in the current fiscal was disappointing. More so because implementation of the new education policy requires a resource thrust. State budgets account for more than 85 per cent of public expenditure on schooling, and about two-thirds of

that for higher education, and hence have a significant impact on the education sector.

For FY 2020-21 in Karnataka, at Rs 28,587 crore, the education budget is approximately 11.6 per cent of the total budget expenditure. Last year's budget utilisation for school education is 96.5 per cent, and

that for higher education is 99.2 per cent. Compared to last year's budget, there is a nominal increase of 3.3 per cent in the allocation for school education, and 3 per cent reduction for higher education. After accounting for inflation, both these budgets are less than those of last year in real terms. Thus, Karnataka's educa-



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tion budget repeats the pattern of reduced budget allocations, even if the reductions are not significant.

This reduction will constrain the expansion of the education system and avenues to respond to the challenges of rebooting the education system after a difficult pandemic year. The education-related announcements in the budget speech are important pilot projects, but do not signal a substantive shift in the access

or quality of education for most students.

The allocation of Samagra Siksha, the flagship programme for access and quality improvement of school education, has seen a budget cut this year. Most of the reduction in the higher education budget is the result of a cut in grant-in-aid for salaries to various universities, likely from a reduction in sanctioned teaching positions. Further, minimal budget allocations for plan-

ning and implementation of the new education policy, other than organising workshops for education staff in the budget speech, will impact the readiness of the education department to implement the new education policy.

One can see the situation as a glass half-full, of the state making its best effort in a difficult situation. However, in objective terms, this may not be a great year fiscally for public education in Karnataka.



190 candidates with 'Two Leaves'

Chennai: The AIADMK on Thursday finished allocation of all seats except for the Padmanabhapuram constituency. While the party will field members in 178 seats, total 190 candidates will contest under the Two Leaves symbol. Following hectic parleys that lasted for several days, the AIADMK inked pact with GK Vasan's TMC on Thursday. The AIADMK also announced candidates for two more constituencies.

Cong to contest 15, DMK 13 in Pondy

Puducherry: THE Congress will contest 15 seats in alliance with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) which would fight 13 seats in Puducherry, and the remaining two seats are to be assigned to minor allies. At present, both the parties are engaged in identifying constituencies for them. In the previous elections, DMK contested in nine and won two, while the Congress contested in 21 and secured 15.

CPM panels back seat to KC(M)

Kuttiyadi: Kunnummal and Vadakara area committee meetings of the CPM held on Thursday in the wake of the Kuttiyadi imbroglio have taken a stand to stick to the party state committee decision to give the seat to Kerala Congress (M). The meetings were held in the backdrop of massive protests by party loyalists against giving the seat to KC(M). Further, the party will organise a mass rally in Kuttiyadi on Sunday as a show of strength.

3 killed in road accidents

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@ Bengaluru

THREE men, including a pedestrian, died in three separate accidents in the city on Wednesday night.

Venkataramanappa (58), a priest, was knocked down by a truck on Yarappaiahalli Bande Main Road when he was on his way to take items from Nadagowda Gollahalli towards Kannur. The driver has been arrested.

In another incident, Sharath (17) of Madikeri was riding pillion with his cousin Prashanth and died after their two-wheeler rammed into a barricade on Outer Ring Road in Kamakshipalya. The rider sustained minor injuries.

In the third incident, Jagadish Achari (30), a carpenter, died after he rammed his bike into the road median on Koramangala Inner Ring Road on Thursday.

Probe into source of funds under way, CBI tells HC

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THE cash was seized by the CBI during a search conducted between April 1, 2013, and April 30, 2018, on the premises of Wellworth Software Pvt Ltd and the residence of Sachin Narayan as part of investigation in the case registered against Shivakumar under the Prevention of Corruption Act for allegedly possessing disproportionate assets.

The CBI contended before

the HC that the investigation into the source of funds of Shivakumar's wife is under way. Under the circumstances, the petitioners are not entitled for the release of the funds.

The explanation offered by the petitioners that the seized amount was collected from local cable operators in cash cannot be believed, the investigating agency claimed. However, the petitioners contended that the seized money was not related to the matter under investigation.

Regret letting women enter Sabarimala, says Kerala minister

Statement viewed as attempt by LDF to prevent repeat of backlash it faced in 2019 LS polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T Puram

DEVASWOM Minister Kadakampally Surendran said on Thursday the incidents that happened at the Sabarimala temple in 2018 had saddened everyone. "The issue at Sabarimala in 2018 is a closed chapter for Kerala. That incident was painful and saddening to all of us. It shouldn't have happened," he said. The minister said his government's future course of action on the issue will be decided in consultation with believers. "The government has stated its stance. The case is under the consideration of a larger bench of the Supreme Court. I repeat, whatever be the verdict, the government will take a decision on it after consultations with devotees, believers' community, political parties and the general public," he told reporters.



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Former CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan at the election convention of Vattiyoorkavu CPM candidate V K Prasanth on Thursday | EXPRESS

Attempt to deceive believers, says opposition leader

Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala said the minister's comments were nothing but an attempt to deceive believers and asked whether Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan would publicly admit his stance was wrong. BJP state president K Surendran said the devaswom minister was shedding crocodile tears with an eye on the polls. At the same time, NSS demanded the minister to show his sincerity by submitting a fresh affidavit in the Supreme Court against permitting young women into the hill shrine.

Oommen Chandy to contest from Nemom?

T Puram: Even as uncertainty prevails over the candidate list of Congress for the assembly elections, speculation is rife that the AICC leadership has asked former chief minister Oommen Chandy to contest from Nemom, the only sitting seat of BJP in the state. Though reports from New Delhi indicated that the AICC leadership has convinced Chandy to take up the challenge, the 77-year-old has denied any such development. Reports said if Chandy contests from Nemom, his son Chandy Oommen might be given the Puthuppalayam seat, which the veteran leader had represented for the past 50 years.



A police woman takes part in a signature campaign to encourage cent per cent voting in Coimbatore on Thursday

the AIADMK camp. In nine seats BJP faced Congress or TMC in that elections, of which it won only one - Karaikudi. A lot has changed since then, including the alliance combinations. What, however, has remained a

constant is the preference of national parties among voters of certain regions, especially in southern TN.

Four constituencies allotted to Congress fall in the Kanniyakumari parliamentary segment. Three constituencies where BJP and Congress will fight each other are in southern part of the State - Colachel, Vilavancode and Karaikudi. But Congress will be facing a tough fight in Udumalpet as it will take on the Animal Husbandry minister Udumalai Radha Krishnan, a locally popular face. Meanwhile, after a delay of two days, DMK sources said the party will release its candidates list on Friday morning. The outcome of the talks the party is having with DMK is still not clear.

ISRO, Japanese space agency review 2024 joint lunar mission

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@ Bengaluru

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Japanese space agency Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), on Thursday held a virtual meeting to review projects the two are collaborating on, in particular the Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) mission that is likely to be launched some time in 2024. It involves sending a lander and rover on the Moon's south pole region, much like Chandrayaan-2 attempted.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan interacted with the Japanese delegation, led by JAXA president Hiroshi Yamakawa, wherein they reviewed their ongoing cooperation in Earth observation, lunar exploration and satellite navigation. The LupeX mission is being planned to demonstrate new surface exploration technologies related to vehicular transport and lunar night survival for sustainable lunar exploration in the polar regions - the south pole of the Moon in



this case. The mission will use a lunar features-matching algorithm along with a navigation-aided equipment from JAXA's Smart Lander for Investigating Moon mission, and the rover will carry instruments from both the space agencies.

The lander's payload capacity will be a minimum 350 kg, while the rover will carry multiple instruments, which include a drill to collect sub-surface samples from 1.5 mt depth. Besides this, water prospecting and analysis are also likely to be the mission's objectives.

The mission aims at an in-situ observation of areas where water is believed to exist, and obtain ground data on the quantity of water, besides understanding

the distribution, conditions, form and other parameters of lunar water resources in the polar region. The mission is also meant to obtain data on the quantity and forms of the water resources present on the Moon.

"Through this mission, we also seek to improve the technology needed to explore the surface of low-gravity celestial bodies in order to support future lunar activities. These advancements include technology for mobility, lunar night survival and mining excavation," JAXA had earlier announced. The launcher and rover are to be developed by Japan and the lander system will be developed by India.

The two sides agreed to explore opportunities for cooperation in space situational awareness and professional exchange programme, according to an official announcement by ISRO.

The two space agencies also signed an 'Implementing Arrangement' for collaborative activities on rice crop area and air quality monitoring using satellite data, the release added.

The Upparpet police have arrested a thief, who had stolen from shops located in a shopping complex, and have recovered valuables worth Rs 18.50 lakh. The accused, Shabbir (26), is a resident of New Gurappanapalya

CRIME PATROL

'Harassed' by husband, woman kills son, hangs self

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

A woman hanged herself from a ceiling fan, after hanging her nine-year-old son at their residence at Swastiknagar here on Wednesday.

The deceased have been identified as Suchitra (34) - who was married to Jagadish Kamble - and their son, Vinit. The incident came to light on Wednesday night when Jagadish, who is deputy manager at a nationalised bank in Kalagi, returned home after work at 9 pm. He told the police that he immediately informed his father-in-law about the tragedy, who arrived from Belagavi the next morning.

According to a complaint

filed by Suchitra's parents at M B Nagar Police Station here, Vinit was mentally ill, which often led to serious altercations between Jagadish and his wife, and she would also be subjected to harassment. Frustrated by this, Suchitra is believed to have committed suicide, after killing her son.

A police team from M B Nagar police station visited the spot, and sent the bodies for autopsy. Police did not find any suicide note at the crime scene. Police Inspector Chandrashekar Tigadi said that based on the complaint of Suchitra's parents, Jagadish has been arrested for abetment to suicide. Further investigation is under way.

Woman caught at MIA with 2.4 kg gold



Mangaluru: In one of the biggest hauls in the recent past, Customs sleuths at Mangalore International Airport arrested a Kasargod-based woman passenger on Thursday and seized smuggled gold worth ₹1.10 crore. According to Customs sleuths, a female passenger named Mohammed Ali Sameera from Kasargod was intercepted on Thursday morning.

She arrived from Dubai by Air India flight and was trying to smuggle gold by concealing it in her inner garments including sanitary pads and also in socks. Gold of net weight 2.41 kg valued at ₹1.10 crore was seized. Foreign-origin cigarettes violating COTPA regulations were also seized from her. ENS

Youth hacked to death in public toilet

Bengaluru: A 19-year-old youth was hacked to death inside a public toilet in Siddapura on Wednesday night, in what police suspect is a revenge killing. A passerby found the body and alerted the Siddapura police. The deceased has been identified as Akash, a daily wage and Someshwaranagar resident. Police said that CCTV footage showed that around 8.30pm, Akash went to the public toilet where a five armed people followed him and attacked him. Preliminary enquiry revealed that the assailants were looking for Akash's father Velu, for a long time over an old grudge. Velu and his friend Rajavelu often drank together. About a month ago, they had gone to a bar in Wilson Garden and after leaving, Rajavelu collapsed and died under mysterious circumstances. Rajavelu's cousins suspected that Velu had killed him. Police said they have detained people for questioning and investigation is on. ENS

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore
O.A. No.547/2020

Between:
State Bank of India, ARMB, Bangalore
...Applicant
And
Smt. Rani G
...Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 22(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Smt. Rani G, W/o. Sri Shoban Babu, Major Resident of No.5, Amar Jyothi Layout, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore-560004.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of amount mentioned thereon together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at 10.30 a.m. or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on 16/03/2021 to answer the claim.

2. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement.

3. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by an Advocate duly instructed. 4. Take a notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this 26th day of Feb, 2021

By order of the Tribunal-II
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, H. M. Venugopal S/o Muniranjappa, R/t, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarhalhi Hobli, Viranganur Post, Bangalore, Bangalore Dist. Karnataka 560049, I have lost sale deed bearing No.10150/1995-96, dated 28/01/2021 Book No.1, Volume 1251, Page No.176 to 179, Survey No.83. A Police complaint has been lodged with regard to the loss of said sale deed on 09/03/2021, Last Reference No: 118/2021. So, I request public if any found the said original document please inform and contact me in the above said address. Contact No: 9972428813.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Parmanand Yadav, Residing at No.419/22/3, 3rd Cross, Ganapathi Nagar, Hosakerehalli Main Road, Bangalore-560026, I have lost my Original sale deed bearing doc No.3088/2010-11 dated 15/12/2010. Last page missing. While taking photo copy in Xerox Shop.

If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

DEEPA M, Advocate
No.6, Bhumika, 80 Feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4, Residency Road Bangalore-560026
O.A.No.1755/2019

Between:
CANARA BANK, Jayanagar 9th Block Branch, Bangalore
...Applicant
And:
1) Mrs. RAMYA SRIRAM, W/o. Mr. Rajivalochana Srirama Krishna, Aged 33 years, S/o. Mr. Krishna G, Aged about 43 years, Both are residing at No.361, Panchajanya Nilaya 15th 'H' Cross, Muthyalanagara, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054.
2) Mrs. R.S.BIO SOLUTIONS, Repd. by its Proprietrix Mrs. Ramya Sriram, Having its place of business at No.845, K.R.Complex, Vidyanarayana, Bangalore-560097
...RESPONDENTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 22(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of Rs. 27,35,851.77 (Rupees Twenty seven Lakhs Thirty five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty one and Paise Seventy seven Only), together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorised agents in support of his defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 06/05/2021 at 11.00 A.M. as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this 12th day of Feb, 2021.

Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore
O.A. No.544/2020

Between:
State Bank of India, ARMB, Bangalore
...Applicant
And
M/s. ROSELINE NUTS & SPICES PVT LTD
...Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 22(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1) Mrs. Roseline Nuts & Spices Pvt Ltd., A Private Limited Company, registered under the Companies Act and having its Regd Office at 221, Karishma Hills, Subramanyapura Post, Gulbaila, Bangalore-560081 and Carrying on its business at R-35, II Stage, 3rd Main, Jigini, KSSDC Industrial Area, Ankali Taluk, Bangalore-560099.
2) Smt. Savithri Ramakrishna, W/o. Sri K.V.Ramakrishna
3) Sri. K.V.Ramakrishna, S/o. Sri. Venkatasubramaniam, Both are residents of D No 397, 1st Floor, 5th Main, RBI Layout, J.P.Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078.

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By order of the Tribunal-II
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore

2 DIE AS CHEMICAL REACTOR EXPLODES IN KAKINADA



The Tyche bulk drug chemical industry where the blast took place at Sarpavaram in Kakinada of East Godavari district on Thursday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kakinada

TWO supervisors of a private bulk drug chemical industry at the Autonagar near Sarpavaram village were killed and four others suffered injuries when a chemical tanker exploded reportedly due to excessive heat, on Thursday afternoon.

The blast took place in Tyche bulk drug chemical industry on the outskirts of Kakinada. According to Kakinada Deputy Superintendent of Po-

lice V Bheema Rao, the workers were doing maintenance works at the chemical tanker having 2,500 liters capacity when it blasted. The blast ripped off the walls and they flung into air and the explosion created panic among the people of neighbouring residential areas like Bhavanarayanaapuram, Gaigolupadu, Madhuranagar, S Atchutapuram and Vidyut Nagar.

In the preliminary enquiry, officials said Nitro Phoronite, a mixture of nitric acid and N Hydrate, was stored in the tank

and it might had exploded due to excess heat. It is alleged that the industry management tried to shift the bodies without informing the police but locals alerted the police. Sarpavaram police along with fire services personnel rushed to the spot and inspected the area.

Two supervisors - Kakarla Subrahmanyam (31) of Patavala village in Tallarevu Mandal and Thotakura Venkata Ramana (37) of AK Mallavaram village in Gollaprolu Mandal - died instantly. Four others were injured.

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No: HFW/SAST/ADM-4/11/2015-16 Date: 10.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Department of Health & Family Welfare, GoK is implementing various Government Health Schemes. For the successful implementation of its Schemes, the Trust seeks to hire the Courier services. Bids will be obtained from above address from 12.03.2021. The last date for submission of bids to the above address is on **26.03.2021 up to 5.00 PM.**

Sd/-
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I Shilpa w/o B.K.Rajesh residing at No.60 1st Block 2nd cross 2nd Main, 4th Stage Nagarabhavi Bengaluru-72 have changed my name Shilpa.S/ Shilpa, daughter of Shankar/ Shilpa to Shilpa Rajesh wife of Rajesh B.K. Vide Affidavit.dated 18-02-2021 before notary B.A.Lakshmi Narayana Rao vijayanagara Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **MANJUNATH. R.** aged about 41 years and **CHAITRA. J.** aged about 31 years, both are residing at No. 310, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Lakshmi Parka, Gaviapuram Extension, Bangalore - 560 019. We have changed our daughter name from **SAANVIKA GOWDA. M** to **DISHA GOWDA. M** vide affidavit dated 10.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary G. Dayananda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ashwini Ramanjaneyappa, aged 36 years, D/o.Ramanjaneyappa G.V, R/at No.18, 3rd Cross, Subramanyapura Main Road, Opp. Brigade Vista Apartment, Doddagowdannaipalya, Padmanabha-nagar, Bangalore South, Subramanya-pura, Bangalore - 560 061. I have changed my minor son's name from **'VIHAAN RAJINESAN'** to **'VIHAAN'** vide affidavit dated 10.03.2021. Sworn before Advocate and Notary N.Shankar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KIRAN GOPALRAO BETJEWARGI, residing at Flat No. 401, Salarpuria Sattva Divinity Apts,Tower-9, Pantarapalya, near Nayandananahalli Metro Station, Bengaluru-560039, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **KRUTI BETJEWARGI** to **KRUTI KIRAN BETJEWARGI** vide affidavit dated 10-03-2021 sworn before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARUN PRASATH KANDASAMY, R/o. Flat No. G-1, Jasmine Apartment, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Muniappa Layout, Garvebhavipalya, Bengaluru - 560 068, Karnataka, India, have changed my Minor Child name from **YADUNAND (Old Name)** to **YADUNAND ARUN (New Name)**, vide Affidavit dated: 11.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARUN PRASATH KANDASAMY, R/o. Flat No. G-1, Jasmine Apartment, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Muniappa Layout, Garvebhavipalya, Bengaluru - 560 068, Karnataka, India, have changed my Minor Child name from **MAHARTH (Old Name)** to **MAHARTH ARUN (New Name)**, vide Affidavit dated: 11.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHASHIDHARR N. previously called **SHASHIDHARA N**, S/o/Nagappa, aged 35 years, resident of No. 49/50, 1st Main, 12th Cross, Kodandaramapuram, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **"SHASHIDHARA N"** to **"SHASHIDHARR N"** vide affidavit dated 23/06/2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public K.P.Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) RAJASHRI MANSINGRAO GODSE, Legally Wedded Spouse of Army No. 1493366W R/at HAV Name Kanase Santosh Vishwas, R/at Flat No. 403, Polite Casellumstr No.3, (P), Near Water Tank, Samarth Nagar, Dighi, Pune City, Maharashtra-411015, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAJASHRI MANSINGRAO GODSE** to **(NEW NAME) RAJASHRI SANTOSH KANASE** vide affidavit Dated 08/03/2021 sworn before Notary C.Santhosh, Bangalore.

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List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, KALYAN NAGAR BRANCH, 106500700049628, NAVEEN KUMAR T N, 39000/-, NECKLACE 1, 9629, DEVAIAH C U, 22907/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9639, HASHITHA, 199999/-, NECKLACE 1, 9641, PANKAJA M, 31579/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 5742, ANANTAKUMAR K R, 111110/-, CHAIN 1, 5766, PUSHPA, 188320/-, CHAIN 1, 5767, PUSHPA, 43922/-, STUD 2, 5782, RANI, 14921/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5783, RANI, 26203/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5784, JAGANNATH KHATAVAKAR, 12500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5851, ABHISHEK KP, 39243/-, BRACELET 1, 5863, GANESH, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5942, HANANTH KUMAR, 49992/-, CHAIN 1, 5956, CHANDRAKANTH P.M, 10249/-, EAR RINGS 2, 5958, CHANDRAKANTH P.M, 16811/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5959, CHANDRAKANTH P.M, 20593/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5981, MAHESHA, 181876/-, NECKLACE 1, 6072, HARISH M, 11716/-, STUD 1, 6073, HARISH M, 33646/-, CHAIN 1, 6123, KESHAV MURTHY, 188470/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 6191, NITIN L P, 112483/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 2, 6192, NITIN L P, 181399/-, CHAIN 1 DROPS & 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UMESH K, 39598/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, 1506, PRADEEP K S, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1526, D DEVARAJU, 8000/-, STUD 2, 1527, NAGESH G, 80994/-, CHAIN 1, 1550, ANUSHA R, 14093/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1571, KALAVATHI, 16411/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 1573, PRADEEP K S, 6000/-, STUD 2, 1582, SAVITHA, 7000/-, STUD 2, 1583, SAVITHA, 21700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1584, SAVITHA, 20600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1586, SHAILAJA, 120120/-, BANGLE 1, 1587, SHAILAJA M N, 99999/-, CHAIN 1, 1597, SATHISH G V, 70000/-, CHAIN 1, 1598, SATHISH G V, 36000/-, CHAIN 1, 1606, BHUVANESHWARIAH, 74983/-, STUD 2, 1608, CHANDAN D C, 63000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1630, DEVARAJU, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1636, RAVICHANDRA, 100800/-, CHAIN 1, 1637, UMESH B, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1652, VISWANATH M, 7692/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1653, VISWANATH M, 13900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1666, NARASHIMHAMURTHY, 50445/-, CHAIN 1, 1682, RAVI N, 17000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1700, NARASU BA, 38000/-, CHAIN 1, 1713, NARASIMHA MURTHY, 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16500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1923, KARIYAMMAHK, 98323/-, CHAIN 1, 1924, VENUGOPAL, 40000/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 1927, PRAKASH, 11993/-, CHAIN 1, 1947, UMESH, 135000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 1957, V.RANJITHA, 9443/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1961, MURALI V, 8182/-, STUD 2, 1965, PARAMESH G, 13993/-, STUD 2, 1968, KANUMANNA, 9500/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 1969, MOHAN KUMAR K N, 27000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1972, PRASHANTH K, 6500/-, DROPS 2, 1973, PRASHANTH K, 30000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 1980, IRANNA HULAMANI, 13800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1981, MOHAN VK, 42000/-, CHAIN 1, 1986, DEEPAK K, 153153/-, BANGLE 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 101000730019219, MANJUNATH, 63280/-, CHAIN 1, 101000730028043, LATHESH KUMAR, 15928/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8048, PRAKASH K.V, 7285/-, STUD 2, 8215, RAMAKRISHNE GOWDA, 83242/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 8494, MAHADEV P, 29057/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8510, NAGAVENI, V, 11376/-, STUD 2, 8624, HANUMANTHARAYAPPA, 42161/-, CHAIN 1, 8627, HANUMANTHARAYAPPA G, 40199/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8661, UMADDEV 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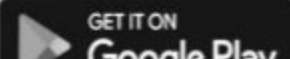
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CPM'S BOLD ASSEMBLY POLL TICKET GAMBLE

The ruling CPM trod a brave path when it announced its list of candidates for the Kerala Assembly elections, dropping 33 sitting MLAs, including some powerful ministers and mass leaders. Its gamble of deploying young and new faces paid off in the recent local body elections, but there's no guarantee that the same strategy can yield results in a state polls where factors at work are vastly different. Despite being aware of the risks involved, the party valiantly chose to stick to its radical decision of not fielding those who have contested the last two Assembly polls, ignoring the protests and poster campaigns unleashed by party workers at an unprecedented scale. The CPM will certainly have to manage the repercussions and may even pay an electoral price. But for now, the party has managed to implement a strategy that it believes will help it retain power.

Besides candidate selection, sections of the CPM's rank and file are also upset about the seat-sharing. The fact is that the CPM can ill-afford to ignore the sentiments of the cadre, the backbone of the organisation. The last time the party had to deal with public protests by workers was in 2006 when veteran leader V S Achuthanandan was denied a ticket to contest. It had to buckle under pressure and field Achuthanandan, who led the Left Front to a famous victory and became chief minister. In the next Assembly polls in 2011, poor candidate selection was said to be the reason for the alliance's narrow defeat. What has to be noted here is that the past experiences have not deterred the party from taking bold decisions this election. The decision to deny seats to about 50% of the current legislators and keep leaders like Thomas Isaac, G Sudhakaran and E P Jayarajan away from the contest underscores the party's confidence in its capabilities and belief in its strategies. To go with 38 fresh faces when the prudent thing to do is to stick to the proven warhorses requires courage. Whatever may be the outcome, the CPM deserves a pat on its back for displaying the nerve to test its bench strength in a crucial poll and give youngsters a chance.

POLITICS OF STATUES IN TAMIL NADU

The covering up of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in the temple town of Madurai as part of the Election Commission's model code of conduct has not only sparked off a row, but also opened a fresh can of concerns for poll-bound Tamil Nadu. This is because the state has many statues of Periyar, Muthuramalinga Thevar, Ambedkar, Annadurai and late chief ministers MGR, Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa, all of them representing the ideology and ethos of various political parties. A few days ago, the poll officials had also covered the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, claiming he was a Forward Bloc icon in the South, but that was removed later.

Where one can draw the line between state icons and political influencers is something that needs to be thought through before taking a decision as it will involve huge expenses and become a logistical nightmare. In fact, in 2011, the Madras High Court had ruled against covering up the statue of Periyar, saying only those of political leaders who are alive need to be wrapped up. However, the court observed that the model code of conduct did not have any clear instructions on wrapping up statues. It may be recalled that in 2012, the Election Commission had ordered the covering up of all statues of BSP leader Mayawati and her elephants, the party's symbol, in the run-up to the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls (There are 64 in Lucknow and 24 in Noida). In March last year, the Andhra Pradesh SEC, N Ramesh Kumar, also said it was not necessary to drape the statues of late leaders in cloth and plastic sheets. He quoted the Election Commission's guidelines, saying the enforcement relates to statues of living leaders of parties.

Since the execution of the code of conduct comes under the purview of individual returning officers, they may have to understand that most political parties in Tamil Nadu have been aligning with Gandhi, Ambedkar, Periyar and Anna and that these leaders have a pan-state appeal. It is time the ambiguity in orders pertaining to election ethics is removed and a uniform code of conduct is followed.



Life is more beautiful knowing that we've taken a loan on death. Even light is treasured more when there is darkness

Kim Namjoon

Instead of dual citizenship, the TN government and parties should ask New Delhi to confer Indian citizenship on Lankan Tamil refugees who want to remain here

DUAL CITIZENSHIP FOR REFUGEES IS IMPRACTICAL

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When the Citizenship Amendment Bill was being debated in Parliament, members belonging to the AIADMK lent their support to the Centre. They echoed the government's stance that the bill was not against minorities. The Tamil Nadu chief minister said that his government would urge the Centre to give dual citizenship to Sri Lankan refugees. This is impractical.

New Delhi has made it clear that no Indian citizen can hold the citizenship of any other country. When they acquire the citizenship of any foreign nation, they are required to surrender their Indian citizenship. Answering a question posed by Karti Chidambaram in the Lok Sabha on 9 February 2021, the Union minister of state for home affairs provided details of Indians who gave up their Indian passport and took up citizenship of foreign countries. Between 2015 and 2019, they numbered 6,76,074. The reverse is also true. The minuscule number of foreigners who have become Indian citizens had to surrender the citizenship of their native country.

The Constitution of India provides for the acquisition of Indian citizenship in five ways: 1) birth; 2) descent; 3) registration; 4) naturalisation; and 5) incorporation of new territory. In 1955, the Indian Citizenship Act was enacted for its acquisition and

termination. Indian citizenship was also conferred by bilateral agreements, for example, the India-Sri Lanka Agreements of 1964 and 1974 under which 6,00,000 people of Indian origin, plus their natural increase, were to be conferred citizenship here, whereas Sri Lanka would confer citizenship on 3,75,000 stateless persons plus their natural increase.

An important point should be highlighted. In the Constituent Assembly, both Dr Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru emphatically maintained that the Constitution would not provide for dual citizenship. Equally important, India has had to face problems posed by displaced persons from Pakistan and, in later years, refugees from Tibet, East Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Burma (Rohingyas). Though New Delhi had not ratified the UNHCR Convention on the Refugees nor had it enacted a national refugee law, its treatment of refugees, barring solitary exceptions, had been exemplary.

After the tragic assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the then TN government wanted to deport Sri Lankan refugees. This arbitrary action was severely criticised by international human rights organisations. New Delhi came out of embarrassment only when the then prime minister Narasimha Rao permitted the UNHCR to open an

office in Chennai to certify the "voluntariness" of repatriation. This arrangement is working very smoothly.

Why is New Delhi opposed to the concept of dual citizenship? Citizenship implies loyalty to the country; dual citizenship implies dual loyalty. In crises, it may place the dual citizens in a vulnerable position. Suppose India and Sri Lanka agree to introduce dual citizenship on a reciprocal basis, the loyalty of Sri Lankan Tamils would always be suspect. The Sinhalese ruling elite does not view the Tamils as a minority, but as an integral part of 70 million Tamils in Tamil Nadu. This perception has given rise to the "minority complex of the majority community", which has led to many acts of discrimination and anti-Tamil riots. It should be added that the "Overseas Indian Citizenship" that New Delhi introduced a few years ago is not citi-

zenship, because the OICs have no right to vote.

Instead of demanding dual citizenship, the Government of Tamil Nadu and major political parties should request New Delhi to confer Indian citizenship on refugees who want to remain here. The majority of refugees have been living in Tamil Nadu since the early 1990s and they fulfil the residential qualifications required for citizenship under naturalisation.

There are two major obstacles in their way. The first is the circular issued by the Central government in 1983 that Sri Lankan refugees are not entitled to Indian citizenship. Tamil Nadu should demand that this circular should be immediately withdrawn. Second, since the refugees came to Tamil Nadu without travel documents, they are treated as illegal immigrants. Tamil Nadu should demand that they should be treated on par with the refugees who came from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh under the Citizenship Amendment Act.

It must be highlighted that in the landmark judgment delivered on 17 June 2019, Justice G R Swaminathan of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court had instructed the Government of India to consider the applications by the refugees for conferment of Indian citizenship immediately.

According to the home ministry, refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan were subjected to religious persecution, whereas Sri Lankan Tamils came to India due to ethnic discrimination. This distinction is shallow. Ethnicity includes religion too and the Hindus have been subjected to religious persecution. According to devout Hindus, nearly 200 temples have been desecrated since independence and a Hindu priest was burnt alive in Lanka's Northern Province. Tamil Nadu should unanimously request New Delhi not to single out Tamils, most of them Hindus, for discrimination.

I have been interacting with refugees on several occasions. Most of them want to acquire Indian citizenship. The Tamil refugees are willing to surrender their Sri Lankan citizenship once a favourable decision is taken. As far as the 29,500 Indian-origin Tamils are concerned, almost all of them are stateless; what is more, the decision to confer citizenship on them was taken by Colombo only in 2003, long after they sought asylum in India. And with power concentrated in the hands of the Rajapaksa brothers, prospects of ethnic reconciliation are very bleak.

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UNIQUE CONSTRAINTS TO REVIVAL OF KERALA ECONOMY

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The Indian economy seems to be on the path of revival after the devastating Covid-19 pandemic slackened its grip. Among the states, Kerala continues to be in the throes of the pandemic. In this context, the question of whether the state can also hope for an early revival as the rest of India becomes very relevant. It assumes added significance because the economy of Kerala exhibits certain unique characteristics distinct from other parts of India.

In Kerala, private transfer payments—the earnings of Keralites working in foreign lands—play a key role in the economy. According to the World Bank, India was the recipient of well over \$83 billion as remittances from foreign lands in 2018-19. Out of this, Kerala's share was stated to be 19%. If so, it would be more than ₹1,15,000 crore. In addition, a large amount of money reaches Kerala through illegal channels. The amount it receives through such means in a year exceeds its revenue receipts. The remittance-

es go mainly for meeting consumption needs and not for any productive activity. Consequently, the state has become a consumer state with conspicuous consumption as the hallmark. With the presence of palatial buildings all around combined with ultra-modern vehicles, sophisticated consumer durables and posh living, "the age of high mass consumption" in Walt Whitman Rostow's five stages of development seems to have become a fait accompli in Kerala, with the other stages bypassed.

The share of Kerala in the GDP of the country was only 2.89% in 1990-91, when remittances were in the offing. Since then, it started to increase steadily and by 2018-19, it had reached 4.11%.

Strangely, the growth stems primarily from the utilisation of the remittances for consumer needs. In turn, more number of workers, with higher rates of remuneration invariably met from the remittances, emerged in the state for serving the expansionary sets of wants of the consuming pub-

lic. There were, in 2006 itself, well over 15 lakh construction workers, 2.73 lakh transport workers, 3 lakh headload workers and 3.03 lakh auto drivers besides an army of traders, all getting higher wages. Needless to say, their remuneration constitutes an important component of GSDP. The share of GSDP rendered by sectors like construction, trade and transport, in which these workers are employed, accounted for only 26% of the GSDP in 1990-91. It went up to 39% by 2018-19.

The state was exhibiting such characteristics when the economy-crippling pandemic appeared. With the pandemic all over the world, the inflow remittances to Kerala seemed to have fallen to the extent of ₹25,000 crore or more, according to the reports of the World Bank. Needless to say,

Kerala has emerged as a consumer state for which remittances provide the means.

So a speedy revival of the economy after Covid is tough. Rejuvenation of productive sectors like agriculture and industry that were sidelined in the wake of the remittance boom is needed

the GSDP of Kerala would also have declined significantly.

Stimulus packages for reviving the economy: Various stimulus packages introduced both by the Central and state governments that provided cheap credit to the consumers to stimulate consumption and thereby promote growth seem to be unsuitable for Kerala as it depends heavily on remittances and not production. Moreover, the state is not in a position to provide sufficient volume of stimulus packages to match the remittances. Furthermore, even if demand is stimulated, it will not be able to propel any economic growth in the state as most of the needs are met from imported goods.

Constraints to the speedy recovery of the state economy: The unique characteristics of the economy render its speedy revival somewhat difficult. As mentioned earlier, Kerala has emerged as a consumer state for which the remittances provide the means. Needless to say, the steep fall in remittances has been squarely responsible for the setback in the economy. An increase in the remittances is as much important as any other factor in reviving the economy. Chances for an increase in the flow of remittances are not bright, at least in the immediate future. The coun-

tries where the remittances originate are also in the grip of the pandemic. Already more than six lakh migrant workers have returned to Kerala on account of Covid-19. Out of them, four lakh have lost their jobs. It is doubtful whether they will be re-employed once the virus disappears.

At the same time, the Gulf countries from where more than 60% of the remittances come are facing economic crises on account of the fall in oil prices. They seem to favour a policy of promoting sons of the soil as well. Hitherto, the Gulf countries were employing a large number of unskilled hands. Chances for such hands getting employed now have also diminished. The inevitable consequence is the decelerating trend in the flow of remittances from the Gulf region.

In sum, an early revival seems to be out of sight in the case of Kerala. In turn, the posh living style of the pre-pandemic days may not reappear in the immediate future. In the meantime, what is urgently needed is the rejuvenation of the productive sectors like agriculture and industry that were sidelined in the wake of the remittance boom.

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Blow to UDF ahead of polls

On the eve of the Kerala Assembly elections, the resignation of a veteran leader like P C Chako is a great blow to the Congress. The sudden decision of the leader to quit has created confusion within the UDF and will affect its chances.
PP Sahadevan, Nilesishwar

No longer a British colony

It appears that the UK is still under an illusion that India is a part of its empire. New Delhi has done well in expressing its opposition to the gross interference. Let the UK MPs focus on the problems in their own country rather than trying to raise irrelevant issues.
R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Debt trap faced by states

Your editorial *Balancing act on a fraying tightrope in Karnataka* (Mar 11) has rightly said that all states face a debt trap. This is due to the revenue crunch given the poor contribution from the Centre to states on account of lean GST collections. The Centre and states need to work together to improve demand.
AM Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Ignored edu issues

The government continues to fail us over education (*Budget fails to make education inclusive*, Mar 11). Many children in rural areas have been forced to take up jobs after Covid and are deprived of their right to education.
Sara D Benedicta Josna, Bengaluru

Report heartening

This is with reference to *Reform to transform education* (Mar 11). It is heartening that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has put forth important recommendations including augmenting enrolment, a time-bound recruitment drive to fill vacant posts and inclusive education covering the transgender community.
Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Timely measures

The emphasis on a sound plan to implement the NEP, research topics of national importance and providing way to all educational institutions through Nal Se Jal, etc., are timely and welcome.
Priyanka EV, Chitradurga

Experience-based learning

Acquiring a degree in universities no longer guarantees a job. The Standing Committee's suggestion to the UGC to explore the possibility of a two-semester component of internship in UG courses in collaboration with industries for experience-based learning is a welcome move.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Architectural marvel

The article *Vettuvan Koil, abode of Siva that is a sculptor's paradise* (Mar 11) has provided us a lot of information on the Pandya monolithic marvel. This cultural inheritance will continue to inspire artists and architects.
S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Refuting Rahul's claim

This is with reference to *Rahul, Emergency and capturing institutions* (Mar 11). The writer rightly recounted how Indira Gandhi maimed various democratic institutions during the Emergency era. This repudiates the claim of Rahul Gandhi that the Congress did not capture institutions.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Vaccine awareness

Many do not seem to be aware of basic information about vaccines. It is important for the authorities to hold campaigns and raise awareness. This will reduce any fears and there will be more takers for the vaccines.
Vibha Rao, email



96

No of Left Front candidates in West Bengal aged 40 or below. The Left has fielded a total of 163 candidates

284

Nomination papers of 284 out of 295 contestants were found valid after scrutiny for the first phase of polling for 47 seats of Assam Assembly

Adhikari visits Shiva temple

Nandigram (WB): BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari on Thursday visited a Shiva temple in Nandigram and offered puja on the occasion of Mahashivratri. Adhikari visited the temple amid a large number of devotees. He is contesting against Mamata Banerjee. Adhikari chanted 'Har Har Mahadev' and 'Bhole Baba Par Karega' amid loud cheers from his supporters.

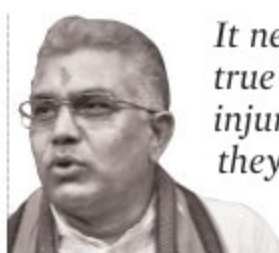


Farmer campaign against BJP

Chandigarh: Farmer union leaders will campaign against BJP in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry. Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal Group) President Balbir Singh Rajewal said farmer leaders would visit Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal to dissuade people from voting for BJP. "We will request the public not to vote for the saffron party but they can vote for any other party they feel like. We will not campaign or ask for votes for any other political party. It is for the people to decide whom to vote for," he said.



I was hurt last night and felt severe pain in the chest and head. Doctors are looking after me. I would appeal to my party cadres, supporters, activists and common people to maintain peace and calm —Mamata Banerjee, WBCM



It needs to be seen whether it was a true incident (Mamata Banerjee's injury) or drama. Those who know they would be voted out can stoop to any level to get votes —Dilip Ghosh, WB BJP



In the first place, why did they (BJP) go for a meagre hike (for tea plantation workers)? The enhanced wage should have been ₹351. They promised it (in their 2016 Vision Document) —Jagadish Bhuyan, AJP leader



Mamata Banerjee's supporters outside the hospital in Kolkata on Thursday | PFI

Wounded Didi a bigger threat for rivals, feel aides

Bengal's ruling party hopes sight of Mamata on wheelchair will strike a chord with voters

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

THE injury suffered by Mamata Banerjee, known as a street-fighter who was a firebrand opposition leader during Left Front regime, may have an impact on the Assembly polls.

Mamata rarely misses an opportunity to recall her movements during the Left regime and mention how she was beaten up by CPI(M) cadres on several occasions. Her announcement to return to political activities on a wheelchair is likely to rekindle that 'fighter' image again.

"Although in the video she did not hold any one responsible, her appearance in a campaign rally on a wheelchair with one leg in a cast will deliver a different narrative. It will portray her determination to resist the rise of a communal force," said a senior TMC leader.

TMC leaders feel the sight of a wounded Mamata attending election rallies will send a message. "Voters not committed to a particular political party will welcome her presence in public rallies will be moved by what they see. This is likely to help us bag electoral dividends," said the TMC leader.

Mamata has a tight schedule, with rallies lined up in the Junglemahal region from Saturday. This area goes to polls in the first phase on March 27. Sources said that Mamata is keen to follow the same schedule with her fractured leg.

Willingly or unwillingly, Mamata in her opposition days generally gained from her appearances in public when she was not well. On one hand, it gave the impression that here was a leader unafraid of the unlawful ways embraced by her rivals. On the other, the public also got an impression that here was a true leader, who thinks more about larger goals than herself.

Sources in TMC said the party supremo knows she is the only face of the party. Individual candidates matter little in the TMC's scheme of politics.

"This is why she keeps urging electorates to vote for our candidates considering her as the contestant in all 294 constituencies. We are waiting for the people's roaring welcome when she, for the first time, appears on the stage on a wheelchair with a plastered foot," said another TMC leader, who didn't want to go on record.

Poll panel slams TMC for 'law & order' allegations

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THE Election Commission on Thursday reacted sharply to allegations that the poll panel has taken over the law and order machinery in poll-bound West Bengal and appropriated whole governance structure.

Reacting to TMC's memorandum on the alleged attack on Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram on Wednesday, the Elec-

tion Commission said: "It's unfortunate that it is full of insinuations and averments."

The poll panel said the Nandigram incident needs to be inquired into with promptitude. The Election Commission also slammed Trinamool for linking the shunting of West Bengal DGP Virendra with Wednesday's Nandigram incident.

The poll panel said: "DGP wasn't removed without any

application of mind. It was the outcome of the recommendation given by Special Observers. Yesterday also, when the Commission became aware of the incident, report was immediately sought from WB Chief Secretary and Special Observers within 48 hours."

Earlier in the day, Trinamool slammed the Election Commission for failing to provide proper security to Mamata and said

it can't shun responsibility, as it is in charge of law and order situation in the state.

The home ministry, meanwhile, said it has taken note of the incident and it is willing to heighten security arrangements for the CM. Mamata gets Z-plus security, which is second only to the security provided by the Special Protection Group to PM Narendra Modi, who is the only person in India to get it.

EC warns of action against fake news

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THE Election Commission said it will take stern action against fake news. An FIR has been lodged against the news of EVM hacking attributed to former CEC TSKrishnamurthy circulated over internet.

The news item dated December 21, 2017, said that former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Krishnamurthy had opined that a particular party won Assembly elections by hacking EVMs. The poll panel said this was debunked by the former CEC himself, soon after it came to his knowledge in 2018. This news was again being circulated by some miscreants on social media.

Krishnamurthy issued a statement again. "It has been brought to my notice that a fake news which appeared in a Hindi newspaper some time back is being re-circulated as if that I express doubts about the credibility of the EVMs, in the conduct of elections in India. This is utterly false and mischievous to circulate a wrong impression in the ensuing elections. I would like to reiterate that EVMs are most credible and I have no doubt about their reliability. EVMs are indeed our nation's pride and there cannot be any doubt about its credibility," the statement read.

On direction of the EC, an FIR was lodged by CEO Delhi, under the IPC Section 500, People Act 1951 Sections 128 and 134. Investigation is going on.

BATTLE OF ASSAM

HC TEA WAGE ORDER AMMO FOR CONGRESS TO FIRE AT BJP

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

ELECTIONS in Assam are going to witness a storm in the teaup! The Gauhati High Court's stay on the enhanced daily wage for tea garden workers has handed opposition parties ammunition to fire at ruling BJP.

On February 23, the state government hiked the daily wage from ₹167 to ₹217, to warm up to the tea community. The high court on Monday ordered the government not to take any action until a petition challenging the Assam Labour Department's notification on wage hike has been disposed off.

As the election campaign heats up, focus of the political parties has been on tea garden votes. Assam has 126 Assembly constituencies. In around one-third of those, votes of tea workers determine the fate of candidates.

Opposition parties are trying to capitalise on the court order as Congress dubbed the hike as poll gimmick. "The BJP had not followed the proper procedure for raising the daily wage of tea workers as per the Daily Wage Act. In the order it is mentioned that no committees or sub-committees were formed. If they (BJP) were sincere in implementing it, just bringing out a notification is not enough. They should have followed all the procedures," Congress leader Bobeeta Sarma said.



Tea plantation workers dominate a third of Assam's Assembly seats

The newly-floated Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP) accused BJP of hoodwinking the tea workers. "In the first place, why did they (BJP) go for a meagre hike? The enhanced wage should have been ₹351. They promised it (in their Vision Document of 2016)," party leader Jagadish Bhuyan said.

"The government itself left room for the matter to be challenged in court. They had no idea that the stay will be ordered so soon. They thought it will happen after the elections. The workers have been cheated. The hike was an election gimmick," Bhuyan added.

The ruling party is not worried. It is confident that the court's order is not going to affect the party's poll prospects. "This will not affect us. If there are technical mistakes, we will rectify them after retaining power. No party has done as much for the tea community as BJP," the party's state unit chief Ranjeet Kumar Dass said.

Nomination rejected, man hospitalised

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A former Assam MLA has been hospitalised, hours after his nomination for Assembly elections was rejected.

Alok Kumar Ghose, who served as MLA for two years after winning a by-election in 2004, had filed his nomination from the Mariani seat as a candidate of the newly-floated Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP). Two pages of the nomination papers were apparently found missing by the Returning Officer.

The 62-year-old Ghose, a party hopper, was once with the BJP. He wanted to contest as its candidate again but was denied a ticket at the last moment. This made him join the AJP and contest the elections on its ticket. He has so far contested five Assembly elections, including the by-election, and his supporters sniffed a conspiracy.

Ghose had narrowly lost to the Congress's Rupjyoti Kurmi in 2016. Kurmi has held the seat for three straight terms. His chances have brightened as Ghose is not in the fray. BJP and Rajiour Dal are also contesting from the seat in Jorhat district.

Plea in SC seeks release of Rohingyas held in Jammu

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A plea has been filed in Supreme Court seeking the release of over 150 Rohingya refugees detained in a Jammu sub-jail and stall their deportation by the Centre.

The application was filed by Rohingya Muslim refugees Mohammad Salimullah and Mohammad Shaqir.

As per the application, nearly 150 to 170 Rohingya refugees in Jammu were detained in a sub-jail on or around March 7 after verification by their embassy. They face the threat of being deported.

"Disturbing reports from Rohingya families have come in

that subsequent to a biometric verification of Rohingya refugees undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir administration, some people never returned to the camps and were jailed by the police," stated the application filed on behalf of the two by advocate Prashant Bhushan. "The jail has been converted into a holding centre and the Inspector General of Police (Jammu) has indicated that the refugees could be deported to Myanmar," the application reads.

The plea urges issuing directions to release the detained refugees and direct the government to grant them refugee identification cards. It also appeals against deportation.



CAT WALK IN CITY

A leopard escaped from nearby forests and injured five persons, including a one-year-old girl, in a residential area in Indore on Thursday. It was tranquilised and caught by forest department officials after a five-hour operation | PFI

Digital publishers say Javadekar meet constructive, others not that happy

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INFORMATION & Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** met representatives of Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) through video conferencing on Thursday. This comes after the government notified the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

"DNPA made suggestions that preserve freedom of the press and emphasised that all its members are bound by, and follow, the regulations of Press Council of India and/or NBSA," DNPA tweeted. It added that the meeting was constructive.

Digital rights activist Nikhil Pahwa felt the statement hinted at 'something problematic', describing how new rules give

the government 'disproportionate power'. Jency Jacob, managing editor at BOOM wrote, "Large print publishers and TV channels who also have websites have formed DNPA. None of the standalone websites who have formed @DigipubIndia were at this meeting."

Javadekar told DNPA about the Code of Ethics, like norms of journalistic conduct framed by Press Council of India and the Programme Code under the Cable Television Network Act.

India no longer democratic: Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed India was "no longer" a democratic country. "India is no longer a democratic country," he said on Twitter, tagging a news report citing Sweden's V-Dem Institute's democracy report that has downgraded India from 'world's largest democracy' to 'electoral democracy'. This comes after another global report by a US government-funded NGO, Freedom House, downgraded India's status from "free" to "partly free".

IAF building second Rafale squadron

New Delhi: In a bid to add to the combat air capability, the Indian Air Force is in the process of raising a second squadron of the advanced multi role combat Rafale Fighters. Air force sources said: "Second Rafale Squadron being raised at the next Main Operating Base in Hasimara." The second squadron will be called 101 'Falcons' Squadron. It will be based at Hasimara Air Force base in West Bengal. The conversion training of the Rafale fighter pilots has been going on in France.

Modi to flag off I-Day Yatra from Gandhi Ashram

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TO launch the 75-week long celebrations of India's 75th year of Independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off a "Padyatra" from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad on Friday, which will be accompanied by the beginning of a series of other cultural activities across the country.

A national implementation committee headed by the Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah, has been constituted to chalk out policies and planning of various events to commemorate "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav", with the government looking for a larger people's participation.

The government on Thursday said that the "Padyatra", which will be led by Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel, will be undertaken by 81 marchers from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi in Navsari. The 241-mile journey will end on April 5, lasting 25 days. "The Padyatra will be joined by dif-

ferent groups of people on the way to Dandi," said the government in a media statement on Thursday. Patel will lead the first lap of 75 kilometers of the "Padyatra".

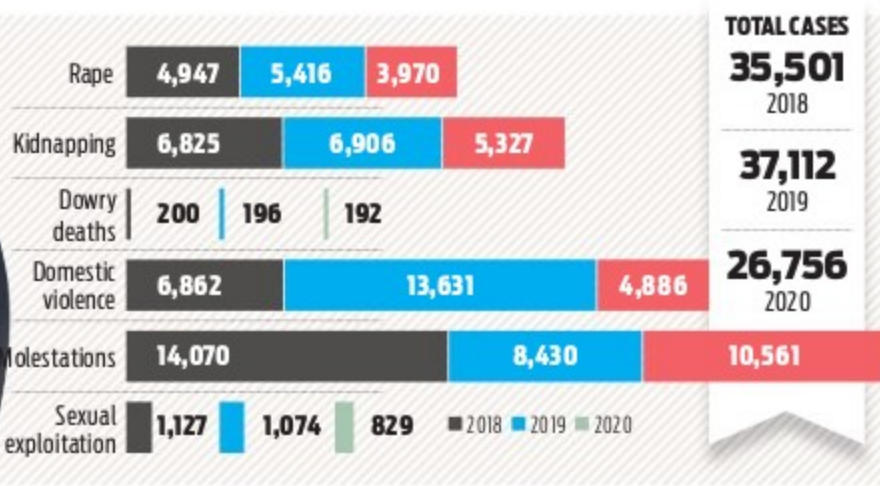
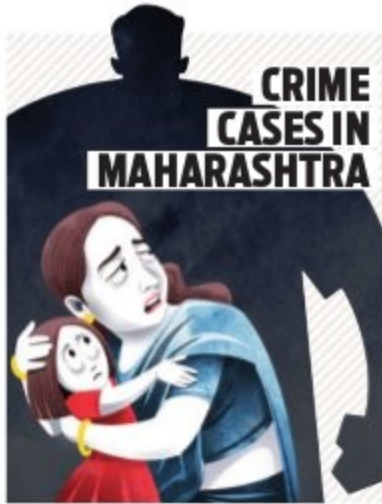
The government has also lined up curtain-raiser activities, which include a film, website, songs, Aatmanirbhar Charkha and Aatmanirbhar incubator. "Besides, a cultural programme presenting the celebration of the indomitable spirit of the country will also be organised. It will include music, dance, recitation, reading of the Preamble (each line in a different language, representing the different regions of the country). Depicting the youth power, as the future of India, there will be 75 voices in the choir as well as 75 dancers in the event," added the government in the statement.

Also, the state governments and the Union Territories have planned a number of activities on Friday for the launch of the 75-week long celebrations, which will culminate with the Independence Day in 2021.

Independence Day mega celebrations live on DD

The I&B ministry has drawn up coverage plans for the 75th Independence Day celebrations. Starting from Friday, these events will showcase achievements of 75 years and give a framework for resolutions for the next 25 years. DD will cover these events live.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	22	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	33	15	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	30	20	Patna	34	23
Amritsar	24	12	Lucknow	33	21
Chennai	32	22	Port Blair	33	25
Kolkata	35	23	Imphal	31	10
Srinagar	13	03	Chandigarh	32	17



Maha crime dips in corona year, minister pats govt

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown led to a welcome change in Maharashtra: the crime rate went down in 2020 compared to 2019, says government data. However, state home minister Anil Deshmukh has credited better law and order situation in the Maha Vikas Aghadi government's first year in power for the dip in heinous crimes.

In 2020, over 26,700 criminal cases, including rape, were recorded whereas the count was 37,112 in 2019 and 35,501 in 2018. The data revealed the highest number of rape cases — 5,416,

in 2019 and 4,947 in 2018. Last year, such cases went down to 3,970. The recorded kidnapping cases were 6,825 in 2018 and 6,906 in 2019 but in 2020 it came down to 5,327.

Deshmukh said the dip in crime rate in 2020 showed the Aghadi government was determined to check crime and had taken swift action against criminals. Higher crime rates in 2019 and 2018 showed the then BJP government had been unable to check the trend, he added. "As per the National Crime Record Bureau, the conviction rate has increased by 13% in Maharashtra. In rape cases, the state is at 22nd spot while in

murder cases, it is ranked 25th and in crime against women, the state stood at number 13 in the all-India table. The law and order has improved during our government," the home minister said.

However, home department officials attributed the reason for less crime in 2020 to the fact that during the lockdown and pandemic situation, fewer people came out from their homes, resulting in a decline in certain crimes. "Health was a major concern for everyone. Anyway, a dip in crime is a positive sign. We need to keep up our vigil on law and order front," said an official.

Parliament panel flags slow pace of Smart City projects

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

A parliamentary standing panel has flagged slow pace of and irregularities in government's ambitious Smart City Mission launched in 2015, noting that most of projects under it are either at tendered or grounded stage even after 5 years.

The mission has proposed to execute a total of 5,151 projects worth ₹2,05,018 crore in 5 years from their respective dates of selection whereas only 2,189 projects worth ₹35,457 crore (18%) have been completed. The Mission was launched with the objective of providing core infrastructure and decent quality of life in 100 selected cities.

Concerned at the "slow pace", the committee, in its report recently tabled in Parliament, urged the government to focus on timely completion of projects to prevent cost overruns. The panel, however, noted, "Though the progress of this mission was slow initially, it is heartening to note that it has picked up of late." As on January 31, 5,422 projects worth ₹1,76,911 crore have been tendered and utilisation of Central funds have also increased from 10% in March 2018 to 83% in January 2021, it stated.

While examining the Smart City Mission, the Committee came across some irregularities in implementation, such as duplication of work, costs higher than market rates, frequent dropping of projects after finalisation of proposals etc.

The panel felt that Geospatial Management Information System used for real-time monitoring of Smart City projects is not serving its purpose and recommended that a robust monitoring mechanism should be put in place for on-ground verification of projects by a team consisting of Mission director, state representative and local MP and MLA.



Road accident in Agra leaves nine dead

Noida: Nine people died in Uttar Pradesh's Agra district on Thursday morning after an SUV collided with a tractor-trolley, police said. Three others injured in the crash are hospitalised. Agra Senior SP Babloo Kumar said. The incident took place on the Agra-Kanpur highway in the Etmadala police station area around 5 am, he said.

HIGH COURT DIRECTS HARYANA, PUNJAB TO SET UP SAFE HOUSES

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

COUPLES in Haryana and Punjab who marry against the wishes of their families will soon get shelter and legal aid at their doorstep following a high court directive on Wednesday that safe houses should be available in all districts of the two states as well as in the Union territory of Chandigarh for these couples.

The court was hearing a writ petition that had sought issuance of directions to the Punjab government to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners who married on March 4 against the wishes of their parents.

In an interim order, Justice Anvesh Jhingran made it clear that the Legal Services Authorities (LSA) of both states and also of Chandigarh were required to set up 24x7 help desks for the couples with telephone service and internet con-

nectivity at tehsil level for filing such pleas. He also pointed out that a website or an online module should be provided for such couples to raise their grievances without being physically present.

Noting that a number of petitions are being filed by couples who married against the wishes of their parents those in a live-in relationship, the judge said, "The entire endeavour is (so) that some sort of workable mechanism is put in motion to ensure protection of life and personal liberty as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution."

The court directed that an existing cell in the police department can be deputed or a new cell can be created which can deal with the representation for security from a couple in a time-bound manner, not extending beyond 48 hours, in any case.

71% vaccine used in govt hospitals

Only 29% private hospitals across the country have administered Covid-19 vaccines

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

OF the total 2.43 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine administered in India so far, nearly 71% have been given out in government hospitals while the share of private hospitals has been about 29%, the Centre said on Thursday.

Also, of the total shots, only about 19 lakh shots have been that of Covaxin, country's first fully indigenous Covid vaccine, while the majority of the jabs have included Covishield.

"The public health facilities in India have administered 71.23% doses of overall Covid vaccines to its beneficiaries while the private health facilities have covered 28.77%," Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said on Thursday.

"The public facilities include primary health centres, community health centres, sub divisional hospitals, district hospitals, medical college hospitals and so on," he added.

Bhushan however did not specify the number of vaccinations carried out in private hospitals since March 1 when the drive started covering people above 60 and those over 45 with comorbidities. Since the beginning of the month, private hospitals have been allowed to charge ₹250 per vaccine dose while in the first phase of vaccination, it was free in both government and private facilities.

Bhushan said that while largely it is the empanelled private hospitals which have been roped in for Covid-19 vaccination drive, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra and Delhi have been exempted to involve private facilities other than those empanelled under specific schemes.

"Based on specific recommendations (by the National Expert group on Covid Vaccine Administration), we permitted private hospitals not covered under any central or state health insurance scheme, citing sufficient space for vaccination, enough cold chain points, adequate number of vaccinators and robust arrangement to handle adverse events following immunization," said Bhushan. The private hospitals have been permitted to perform vaccination exercises 24x7 all days in a week. However, government hospitals are directed to conduct vaccination drives for minimum four days a week.

Health officials, while conceding that the price of Covishield had been brought down after the first phase of procurement at ₹200 per dose, did not divulge the renegotiated price.



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Covishield used widely

Majority of the jabs being administered across the country is Serum Institute's Covishield and not Covaxin

PM's pic to be hidden on vaccine papers

The Health Ministry has informed the EC that in compliance with the Model Code of Conduct, it has applied filters in its CoWIN platform in four poll-bound states and a UT to ensure that the PM's picture does not appear on the Covid-19 vaccine certificates.



Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray receives dose of Covid vaccine in Mumbai | PTI

'Active Covid-19 cases more than double in Maharashtra'

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"MAHARASHTRA has shown a worrisome trend. The mutant strain has not been found incriminating in this surge in cases. It is just related to reduced testing, tracking and tracing and Covid inappropriate behaviour and large congregations," ICMR director general Balram Bhargava said.

Rajesh Bhushan pointed out that while the active Covid-19 cases have almost halved in Kerala, they have more than doubled in Maharashtra.

After taking his first jab at J J Hospital in Mumbai, Thackeray sought to dispel apprehension in people's minds, saying it has no after-effects. "Since the vaccine is available now, everyone should take it. Equally important is the need to wear a mask, wash hands from time to time and maintaining social distance," Thackeray said.

Tamil Nadu too ramped up its measures to contain the new wave, by deciding to post flying squads at all public places, including railway stations, to enforce Covid-appropriate discipline.

Strict monitoring would happen at election meetings and rallies as well, state health secretary J Radhakrishnan said.

Maharashtra Cabinet rejig on the cards

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WITH questions being raised on Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh's handling of crucial and sensitive cases like the bomb scare near Mukesh Ambani's residence Antilia, talks of replacing him have started and are gathering momentum within the NCP.

According to reports, during the Assembly session, the Maharashtra government was said to be on the backfoot over Mansukh Hiren death and suspected role of encounter specialist cop Sachin Waze.

If a senior NCP leader is to be believed, Sharad Pawar is of the view that keeping a non-performing minister in the Cabinet will not only damage the government but also his party's image.

"Light-weight Anil Deshmukh was made the home minister because of the pressure of his party colleagues, but he has failed in the first year only. On the other hand, the Opposition is getting hold of every crucial information related to Hiren death case, including the CDR details between Sachin Waze and deceased. It also got the locations record. In Dadra Nagar Haveli MP suicide case also, Opposition leader Devendra Fadnis got the suicide note before the home minister. That shows things are not working for Deshmukh," said a source.



IN THE NAME OF GOD

Kinnar Akhada members take holy dips in the Ganga on Maha Shivratri during Kumbh 2021 at Har Ki Paudi in Haridwar | PTI

Hunt on for U'khand CM's Assembly seat

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AFTER Tirath Singh Rawat was sworn in as Uttarakhand Chief Minister, party has begun the hunt for state assembly seat which is now vacant.

Rawat is Lok Sabha MP from Pauri Garhwal seat of Uttarakhand and within six months he needs to become a member of state Legislative Assembly by winning election from any constituency.

A senior BJP leader told The New Indian Express,

"Two seats are being discussed for the new CM — Chaubattakhal seat from where state tourism minister Satpal Maharaj is the MLA and Doiwala seat from Dehradun which is represented by former CM Trivendra Singh Rawat. Any of the two leaders vacating the seat will be contesting Lok Sabha by-elections from Pauri Garhwal seat."

However, state cabinet minister Satpal Maharaj, refuting any such possibility said, "There is no such instructions from the top brass. These are just baseless rumors. People of Chaubattakhal have bestowed their love upon me. I cannot abandon them."

Sources also confirmed that a total of 11 ministers can take oath on Friday filling all 12 cabinet berths including the CM himself. "The leadership and Rawat are in sync in decision of filling all berths. This will help CM balance dissenting faction which is crucial for upcoming state assembly polls in 2022," said a party insider



NCC cadets get basic flight training

NCC cadets of 50 Assam Air Squadron got a feel of height from a micro-light aircraft after they were taken for flight training at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. Despite the rush of air traffic, the Air Traffic Control accommodated the sorties, making it possible to achieve the challenging task which was carried out under the supervision of Group Captain Robin Vishoyi, Commanding Officer of Guwahati-based 50 Air Squadron NCC. "The cadets were imparted basic flight training and given first-hand experience in flying micro-light aircraft," an official statement said.



GUWAHATI DIARY

IIT team designs system to detect colorectal cancer

A team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati has designed an artificial intelligence-based system to detect colorectal cancer. The results of the work were recently published in the journal Scientific Reports. The paper has been co-authored by Kangkana Bora of Cotton University, Guwahati; Kunio Kasugai of Aichi Medical University, Japan; and Zhongming Zhao from the University of Texas, Health Science Centre, Houston, USA. Saurav Mallik of Harvard University also contributed to the study. Colorectal cancer is the third most common type of cancer in India. If detected early, it can be cured. The commonly-used technique to detect it is colonoscopy, in which the specialist visually inspects the image obtained by the camera inserted into the colon of the subject.

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SSB personnel sensitised on wildlife crimes

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and biodiversity conservation and research organisation Aaranyak sensitised the personnel of Shashstra Seema Bal (SSB), guarding India's border with Bhutan, on the role they can play in curbing trans-border wildlife crimes which thrive across nations. The WCCB and the Aaranyak jointly organised a workshop recently for the SSB's 23rd Battalion in Assam's Udalguri. The workshop was aimed at raising awareness level among the personnel in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on the need to curb wildlife crimes.

Central govt urged to remove smoking rooms

On the No Smoking Day, the central government was urged to remove designated smoking rooms at hotels and restaurants and airports to protect people from passive smoking. Appreciating the government for initiating the process to amend the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003, doctors, cancer victims and restaurateurs appealed for immediate removal of the current provision that permits smoking areas, to make India 100 per cent smoke-free and check the spread of Covid. "There is growing evidence that smokers who contracts Covid are at greater risk of fatality," said Dr Munindra Narayan Barua, MD, North East Cancer Hospital.



Nine shot dead in Myanmar day after UNSC rebuke on crackdown

Residents of Yangon in shock over night-time raids using sound bombs; US applies fresh pressure on the junta with sanctions targeting children of the coup leader

YANGON

NINE protesters were shot dead in Myanmar on Thursday as the junta reacted to international condemnation of its crackdown by claiming ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi had accepted hefty illegal payments.

Diplomatic pressure has been building since the generals seized power on February 1, triggering daily protests around the country that they have struggled to quell.

Thursday saw more headline action against demonstrators, with six killed in central Myanmar's Myingyan township.

"Six men were shot dead while eight people were wounded—with one man in a critical condition," a rescue worker told reporters.

A witness said five of them were shot in the head.



Anti-coup protesters retreat from the frontlines after riot police fire rubber bullets in Yangon | AFP

In Bago, a city north east of Yangon, Zaw Zaw Aung, 33, who is deaf, was shot in the head, his father Myint Lwin said.

"As a father, I am deeply sad for his death," he said. A rescue worker said a 30-year-old man was killed in Mandalay, Myanmar's second largest city and

another two people were injured. "We couldn't pick up his dead body because rescue teams are being targeted these days as well," he said.

There was also a fatality in Yangon's North Dagon, where Chit Min Thu, 25, died after being shot in the head.

"I recently learnt that his wife is two months pregnant," his mother Hnin Malar Aung told journalists. "No one will be in peace until this situation ends. They were so cruel with my son. I never expected my son would be shot in the head... I'm worried about all the unarmed youth, they will be in trouble."

A man who was wounded eight days ago at Monywa in central Myanmar died from his injuries on Thursday and a 26-year-old bank worker from Myingyan who was shot Wednesday also lost his life.

In the capital Naypyidaw, junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun said the detained chief minister of Yangon had admitted giving Suu Kyi \$600,000 in cash, along with more than 11 kilograms (\$680,000 worth) of gold. "We have learned Daw Aung San Suu Kyi herself took

this \$600,000 and seven visses (11.2 kilograms) of gold.

The anti-corruption commission is investigating," Zaw Min Tun said. As the crackdown continues, the Sanchaung township in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon had another sleepless night, as security forces raided apartments searching for lost police weapons.

"They used sound bombs on every street," said one resident. Another part of Yangon, North Okkalapa, was also reeling after 300 arrests on Wednesday, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners monitoring group.

An Amnesty International report on Thursday accused the military of using "battlefield weapons" on unarmed protesters and carrying out premeditated killings orchestrated by their commanding officers. AFP

Time for de-escalation, says China's UN envoy

NEW YORK

THE Chinese ambassador to the United Nations called Wednesday for a "de-escalation" in the crisis in Myanmar, where the junta has pursued a violent crackdown against peaceful anti-coup demonstrators.

"Now it's time for de-escalation. It's time for dialogue. It's time for dialogue," said Zhang Jun, after the UN Security Council agreed to condemn Myanmar's military over its actions since ousting civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi last month.

Diplomats told AFP that the

statement agreed by the Security Council "strongly condemns the use of violence against peaceful protesters," the second show of unity on Myanmar in just over a month for its 15 members, including China. Zhang said that China has participated in the (statement) negotiation in a "constructive manner". "It is important the Council members speak in one voice," he said.

"The international community should create an enabling environment for relevant parties in Myanmar to address differences under the constitutional and legal framework. PTI

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Virus cases spike to highest since Jan

Pakistan has registered 2,258 coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, the highest single day spike since January, taking the national Covid-19 tally to 5,97,497, according to official data on Thursday. The rise in the number of cases came a day after the government decided to close down education institutions in several cities which are lately the worst-hit by the pandemic. Last time Pakistan recorded over 2,000 cases in a day on January 29 when 2,179 infections were detected, according to the data of the ministry of National Health Services (NHS). The ministry also reported that 53 people have died in the last 24 hours, taking Covid toll to 13,377. Another 5,66,493 people have recovered. The number of active patients is 17,627. However, the positivity rate went up 5.3%, proving concerns that another wave might hit the country.

INDONESIA

27 pilgrims killed as bus plunges into ravine

A tourist bus plunged into a ravine on Indonesia's main island of Java after its brakes apparently malfunctioned, killing at least 27 people and injuring 39 others, police and rescuers said Thursday. The bus was carrying a group of Islamic junior high school students, teachers and parents from the West Java province town of Subang when the accident happened late Wednesday on a winding road, said local police chief Eko Prasetyo Robbyanto. He said the bus was returning to Subang from a pilgrim site in Tasikmalaya district when it plunged into the 20-metre-deep ravine.

THAILAND

Government looks to expand prison space

Thailand is considering an expansion of prison space as it arrests more political prisoners, the justice minister said Wednesday. Somsak Thepsuthin said Bangkok Remand Prison and Klong Prem Central Prison, where most recently detained political prisoners are held, become congested when families and supporters come to visit. "Therefore, we are discussing finding a larger area that can accommodate more people for everyone's convenience," he told reporters. He denied speculation that a separate new prison would be built for political prisoners. "Everyone should be treated equally," Somsak said. The legal aid group Thai Lawyers for Human Rights recently said 382 people, including 13 minors, are facing charges related to political demonstrations.

We're not racists, says Prince William

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prince William on Thursday defended the royal family after his younger brother Harry and wife Meghan accused them of racism in a bombshell interview watched around the world.

"We're very much not a racist family," William told reporters during a visit to a multi-racial school in a deprived area of east London. The Duke of Cambridge, as he is formally known, is the first senior royal to speak out publicly about the explosive row that has engulfed Britain's most famous family.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client have negotiated to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from V.Selvaraj, s/o late Vellai, aged about 67 years, R/o # 1102, Periyannagar, D.J Halli Main Road, Bangalore, if anybody having any claims, right, title, interest or any objections of the proposed sale may please submit their representations/objections alongwith the documentary proof to the undersigned advocate within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, if no response is received from anybody, thereafter my client shall be at liberty to proceed to obtain the sale deed in his favour or his nominees from the aforesaid owner.

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China's Parl approves dam on Brahmaputra

BEIJING

CHINA'S Parliament on Thursday adopted the 14th Five-Year Plan, the mega blueprint containing billions of dollars worth of projects, including the controversial hydropower project on the Brahmaputra river in Tibet close to the Arunachal Pradesh border over which India has raised concerns. The National People's Congress (NPC) adopted the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for national economic and social development and the long-range objectives through the year 2035, on the last day of its six-day session on Thursday, official media reported.

The NPC approved a development

blueprint which contains 60 proposals for speeding up China's development. The proposal was passed by the Communist Party of China (CPC) last year.

The 14th Five-Year plan included building the dam on the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra river over which India and Bangladesh, the riparian states, have raised concerns. China has downplayed such anxieties saying it would keep their interests in mind.

As a lower riparian State with considerable established user rights to the waters of the trans-border rivers, the Indian government has consistently conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities

and has urged them to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas.

Commenting on the proposal Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hua Chunying told a media briefing in Beijing on December 3 last year that the 'hydropower development in the lower reaches of Yarlung Zangbo river is China's "legitimate right".'

Che Dalha, deputy Communist Party chief of the Tibet Autonomous Region, said during the NPC session that authorities there should 'strive to begin construction this year'. Che also said natural gas exploration in Tibet will also be a focus area. PTI

BIDEN'S \$1.9 TRILLION VIRUS RELIEF BILL CLEARS CONGRESS



Speaker of US House Nancy Pelosi (L) signs the relief bill as Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (R) looks on | AFP

WASHINGTON

A Congress riven along party lines has approved the landmark \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill, as US President Joe Biden and Democrats claimed a major triumph on legislation marshaling the government's spending might against twin pandemic and economic crises that have upended the country.

The House gave final congressional approval on Wednesday to the sweeping package by a near party line 220-211 vote precisely seven weeks after Biden entered the White House and four days after the Senate passed the bill. Republicans in both chambers opposed the legislation unanimously characterizing it as bloated, crammed with liberal policies and heedless of signs the crises are easing. AFP

US House approves stricter background checks for gun sales

WASHINGTON

EMBOLDENED by their majorities in the House and Senate, Democrats are making a new push to enact the first major new gun control laws in more than two decades—starting with stricter background checks. The House passed legislation on Thursday to require background checks on all firearms sales and transfers. The chamber was also voting on, and expected to pass, a bill to allow an expanded 10-day review for gun purchases. Similar bills were passed by the House in 2019, shortly after Democrats won the majority, but languished in the GOP-controlled Senate.

Democrats now hold the Senate, as well, giving the party hope that the legislation will at least be considered.

The renewed push is the latest effort by Democrats and some Republicans who have repeatedly tried, and failed, to pass tougher gun control laws since the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut that killed 20 children.

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Short term Tender Notification (Two Cover system) (Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.4, Madhugiri, Karnataka invites tenders as per KTPP act on "Percentage basis through e-Procurement portal from registered contractors enrolled in KNNL/VJNL Category3 and above /KPWD class 1 and above through E-Procurement the following below tender is invited vide this office Tender Notification No: V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/D.4/Madhugiri/ SCP-TSP /TND-06/2020-21/ 1412 Date: 09.03.2021. The calendar of events are as belows.

Name of Work: Improvement of Road from National Highway to Kallipalya SC colony Via Biravara ST Colony in (Guddemaranahalli & Lakkenahalli Grama panchayat, Soluru hobli.) Magadi taluk. Amount put to tender Rs.80.26 in Lakhs. The contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **15.03.2021 to 22.03.2021**, 17.00 hrs tender shall be submitted through E-proc. Details such as EMD amount/Tender Processing fee/ Tender Clarifications /Qualification of bidders/ Tender Conditions etc can be obtained through e-procurement. The competent authority to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons. Any further information required may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L., YP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore City under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Old 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **04.01.2021** calling upon the borrower **Smt.Puttachanamma W/o.Shivanna No.178, 5th Cross, Kadirenahalli, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. Surety: 1) Sri. S. Shivakumar, No.178, 5th Cross, Kadirenahalli, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070** to repay the amount being **Rs.20,99,342/-** as on **04.01.2021** and miscellaneous expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rules on this day of **08.03.2021**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore City** for an amount of **Rs.21,23,057/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Fifty Seven Only) interest and other charges thereon from **08.03.2021**.

Description of the Immovable Schedule Property

All the piece and of the property bearing No.11, PID No.55-151-11, situated at 2nd Cross, Kadirenahalli, Padmanabhanagar, ward No.55, Bangalore. Measuring East to west-20 Feet and North to South; 33 in all measuring 660 sq.ft. and bounded as follows: East by: Property belonging to Smt. Rudramma West by: Property belonging to Sri.Halagappa, North by: Property belonging to Sri.Abdul Raheem Sab, South by: 2nd Cross Road.

Earlier Possession Notice Dated: 20.02.2019 & 25.09.2019 Stand Withdrawn

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08.03.2021

Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-18

ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ
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Relief likely for owners of Covid-hit bankrupt firms

Corporate Affairs ministry currently discussing fine print of proposal

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE government is looking to relax norms for promoters buying back companies that have gone bankrupt if the default has happened due to factors induced by last year's nationwide lockdown.

"The government has been strict about promoters buying back companies. However, the last year was an extraordinary situation and we are considering a proposal which will allow promoters to buy back their companies if the bankruptcy is triggered by Covid. The fine print of the proposal is being discussed currently," a senior official from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs said.

According to an amendment made in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) on January 6, 2020, a defaulting promoter is not eligible to submit a resolution plan for their bankrupt company and shall not be a party to any compromise or arrangement of the company. A secured creditor cannot sell or transfer an asset to the pro-

Deadline for resumption of IBC approaching

The Centre has granted a moratorium on the initiation of insolvency proceedings for any defaults happening from March 25, 2020 onwards for 12 months. However, with the deadline for resumption of IBC proceedings approaching, the ministry is of the view that some relief is needed for badly affected sectors

motors either. This was done to prevent promoter-driven attempts of liquidating their companies in an effort to buy back a debt-free business at a much lower price. However, officials note that when the law was framed, there had been no impact from the pandemic.

Once the lockdown was imposed to contain the pandemic, the Centre granted a moratorium on the initiation of insolvency proceedings for any defaults happening from March 25 onwards for a period of 12 months, giving relief to small and medium companies.

Apart from this, the government also raised the minimum default threshold for initiation of insolvency proceedings to ₹1 crore from ₹1 lakh to protect

smaller companies from the impact of the pandemic.

However, with the deadline for resumption of IBC proceedings approaching, the ministry is of the view that the moratorium should not be extended. But they also feel that some relief measures must be included for sectors which were the worst hit. Relaxing norms for promoters buying back firms will also help in quick resolution if the defaults are primarily induced by the pandemic.

Among other measures, the Centre is considering a pre-pack (out-of-court) insolvency resolution scheme for MSMEs and the MCA has already invited public comments and views on the proposed resolution system.

SHORTCUT IPO

SEBI expert group to examine SPAC roll out

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MARKET regulator SEBI has formed a group of experts to examine the feasibility of introducing Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC)-like structures in India, sources with knowledge of the development said on Thursday. A SPAC is a shell company that is publicly listed with the intent of merging with a private company that is seeking to go public without the cost and hassle of an initial public offering (IPO).

SPACs are usually formed by private equity funds or financial institutions with expertise in a particular industry or business sector. Such companies have recently become popular in the US and demands have been made to introduce them in India too.

To check its feasibility in the Indian context, an expert group formed under SEBI's Primary Market Advisory Committee (PMAC) has been asked to examine the subject and submit its report at the earliest, a source said. "SEBI wants to explore the potential of SPACs while at the same time building adequate checks and balances in the regulatory framework to take care of the associated risks," they said.

The advantage for the sponsor company in the system is that it allows rapid deployment of capital to take advantage of opportunities. It also helps the target company to go public during periods of market instability or volatility in traditional IPO markets.

Small loan disbursements see 11.5% yearly fall in Q3

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

LOANS of small ticket sizes saw a 11.5 per cent dip year-on-year during the third quarter (October-December 2020) in value terms even though total disbursements grew by 80 per cent compared to the previous quarter, according to a report from CRIF High Mark. The report also said that the impact of the pandemic on households resulted in high defaults after the loan moratorium ended.

The eastern states of West Bengal and Assam, it noted, had been hit by the dual impact of the pandemic and natural calamities such as a flood and cyclones—these regions recorded the highest repayment stress during the quarter.

Meanwhile, loan disbursements in rural areas came in at ₹32,884 crore against ₹36,235 crore during Q3 of the previous year.

For urban areas, small ticket size loan disbursements stood at ₹23,246 crore in Q3 compared to ₹27,160 crore during the previous year.

In terms of volume though, disbursements in Q3 almost doubled at 175 lakh. The share of loan disbursements lesser or equal to ₹10,000 registered a 11 per cent increase compared to the previous quarter.

This increase, the report noted, is largely attributable to the loan restructuring offered by lenders and new loans of small ticket sizes extended to eligible borrowers, in the form of guaranteed emergency credit lines.

With a nearly 80% increase over the previous quarter disbursements in Q3FY21 stood at ₹56,090 crore, which was 11.5% lower than Q3 of FY 2019-20

CRIF High Mark

BSNL expected to make profits from FY24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DESPITE having become EBITDA-positive last year after large-scale wage cost reductions, state-owned telecom company BSNL is expected to turn fully profitable only from financial year 2023-24, according to a report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology.

According to the Demands for Grants report submitted by the panel to the Parliament this week, this time-frame for achieving profitability is subject to the success of the gov-

28%	92,956	₹67K cr	₹18K cr
Reduction in expenses	Employees chose VRS	Monetisable BSNL assets	Monetisable MTNL assets

ernment's revival package.

"BSNL has stated that it expects to be profitable from 2023-24 onwards, subject to full realisation of the revenue and cash flow from services as well as monetisation of land assets as envisaged at the stage of processing of the revival package, tax, depreciation and amortisation," the panel said.

In October 2019, the government had approved the revival package for BSNL and MTNL, which included a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS), support for 4G spectrum, monetisation of core and non-core assets, sovereign guarantee for bonds to be raised by the public sector undertakings (PSUs), and merger of MTNL and

BSNL in the short run.

According to the report, BSNL's expenditure has fallen from ₹34,400 crore per annum to ₹24,687 crore per annum mainly due to savings in wages. However, revenue has not grown mainly due to the delay in offering 4G services.

While a group of ministers (GoM) has approved allocating 4G spectrum to BSNL in Delhi and Mumbai, such services have not been begun yet. It is expected that with the commencement of 4G services, the revenue of BSNL in the wireless segment will increase.

EXPRESS READ

33 PLI applications given Govt approval

New Delhi: The government has approved 33 applications with an investment of ₹5,082.65 crore under the production linked incentive scheme for active pharmaceutical ingredients. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched a PLI scheme for the promotion of domestic manufacturing through the setting up of greenfield plants in four different target segments.

Detel plans to set up 150 EV sales outlets

New Delhi: Detel on Thursday said it plans to establish a network of 150 sales outlets in North India for its electric vehicle vertical by the end of this year. The company aims to strengthen its presence in the region with its newly launched range of electric two-wheelers, the company said. The domestic EV manufacturer also plans to target sub-dealers apart from the primary dealers while expanding its footprint, the statement added.

Kalyan Jewellers' ₹1,175-cr IPO to open March 16, issue price fixed at ₹86-87

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

KALYAN Jewellers on Thursday announced the launch of its initial public offering (IPO), with the issue being opened for public subscription on March 16 and close on March 18. The price band for the keenly watched IPO has been fixed at ₹86-87 a share.

The Warburg Pincus-backed jewellery store chain plans to raise ₹1,175 crore through the public offering. According to the company, the offer comprises a fresh issue of shares worth ₹800 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of ₹375 crore.

Kalyan Jewellers' promoter T S Kalyanaraman will be offering shares worth up to ₹125 crore, while Highdell Investment Ltd, an affiliate of Warburg Pincus, would sell up to ₹250 crore worth of shares through the OFS route.

At least 50 per cent of the issue is reserved for qualified institutional buyers, 35 per cent



₹800 cr	₹375 cr
worth shares to be part of fresh issue	to be raised via offer-for-sale route
₹2 cr	35%
worth shares for staff	reserved for retail buyers

for retail investors, and 15 per cent for non-institutional bidders. The jewellery company has also reserved shares worth ₹2 crore for its existing employees. Investors can bid for a minimum of 172 equity shares and in multiples thereafter.

The proceeds from the IPO will be used for working capital requirements and general corporate purposes, said company executives. The lead book running managers and global co-ordinators for the IPO are Axis Capital, Citigroup Global

Markets India Private Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, SBI Capital Markets, and BOB Capital Markets.

Kalyan Jewellers had started the jewellery business in 1993 after founder TS Kalyanaraman established a single showroom in Thrissur, Kerala. It is now a pan-India jewellery brand with 107 showrooms located across 21 states and Union Territories. It also has international presence with around 30 showrooms located in the Middle East.

Cement biz to see 13% volume growth in FY22

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE cement industry is set to hit a decadal high in volume growth during the next fiscal year at 13 per cent, helped by an expected revival in demand from the infrastructure and urban housing sectors, and a generous low-base effect, Crisil Ratings said.

Increased volumes, however, will be counterbalanced by the

impact of rising power and fuel costs on cash accruals, Crisil's analysis of 15 cement companies indicated. These 15 firms account for 75 per cent of the sector's sales volume.

"Higher spending on infrastructure would be in line with the 26 per cent increase in budgetary allocation for infrastructure. That, coupled with pent-up de-

mand in urban housing, will drive volume growth. Demand from the hinterland—the saviour this fiscal—should sustain on the back of higher rural incomes," said Nitesh Jain, director, Crisil.

While volume growth will rebound, higher cost of sales would weigh on cement profitability. Rising prices of diesel, petcoke or coal,

and polypropylene bags may push up costs by ₹150-200 per tonne. To be sure, freight, power and fuel constitute almost 55 per cent of the total cost of cement sales.

Operating profits could also moderate by ₹200-250 per tonne next fiscal year due to the higher costs and lower net realisation, after having touched a 7-year high of over ₹1,200 per tonne this fiscal year.

PRICEY PANELS

TV prices set to rise 10-30% from April 1, companies seek PLI for sector

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TELEVISION prices are set to rise from April 1 as most Chinese panel manufacturers have increased rates by around 30 per cent. While brands including Panasonic, Haier, Blue Star, Daiwa, and Thomson are considering increasing prices from April this year, some such as LG have already done so. Prices may rise between 10-30 per cent depending on the screen size and brand of the model.

"Currently, only a handful of Chinese and Taiwanese firms control the flat-panel market and that allows them to raise prices, which hurts our costing. In case the Indian government does not intervene, the per unit cost of TV is sure to be hiked up by at least ₹2,000-3,000 starting April," said Anveet Singh Marwah, CEO, Super Plastronics, brand licensee for French brand Thomson TV. Since the July-August period, panel prices have gone up by



about three-fold causing a net escalation of ₹3,000-4,000 per unit. Other factors—such as a hike in customs duty; a rise in cost of input materials; and an increase in freight charges—are also collectively set to send prices soaring.

"Although it was convenient to blame Covid-19, the fact is that the supply chain industry saw this coming. Open Cells are in severe scarcity due to global shortages," said Videotex International Group director Ar-

jun Bajaaj, adding that the price of a 32-inch TV set is expected to rise ₹5,000-6,000.

Open-cell panels are an important part of TV manufacturing and account for about 60 per cent of the unit cost. All the panels used in television sets globally are manufactured in China, making it a monopoly.

Panasonic India and South Asia president and Chief Executive Manish Sharma expects prices to go up 5-7 per cent by April, and Haier Appliances

India president Eric Braganza also doesn't expect to see any reversal in the trend. LG said it will not hike prices further. "We have already increased prices by around 7-4 per cent in January and 3 per cent in February," said LG Electronics India vice-president Vijay Babu.

The price rise comes even as television makers have sought to have the sector included among those granted the new Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes.

UCE E-Vehicle expands presence to Odisha

Maharashtra-based UCE E-Vehicle Manufacturing and its retail partner Rain E MOTORS last week launched several electric motor-powered 2-wheel scooters and 3-wheel rickshaws in Bhubaneswar. The e-scooter models-B6/B6+/B61/B7/B71/B7+ and B7MONO-come at a price range of ₹68,000 to ₹90,000 (on road). Zonal sales manager of UCEVMPL G B Ray said that all models were equipped with lithium batteries which can be fully charged in 4-6 hours. The 1.5 lakh e-rickshaw will be sold as the Tejas and has a range of 80 km at speeds of 25-30 km/hr.



IREDA celebrates International Women's Day

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) celebrated International Women's on March 8

with a felicitation of its women employees and expressing its dedication to encourage women leadership in all areas. Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA appreciated all female employees and called upon them to further hone their skills in diversified fields.



HCG Panda Cancer Hospital observes International Women's Day

HCG Panda Cancer Hospital expressed its gratitude to women on International Women's Day by felicitating eminent women achievers and the hospital staff for their commitment and valuable contribution to the society. As a part of this occasion, a fine arts exhibition by B K Art College, Bhubaneswar, was also organized.

Business & Beyond



Odisha Governor chief guest at NALCO's International Women's Day celebrations

Ganeshi Lal, Governor of ODISHA, was the chief guest at the International Women's Day celebrations of NALCO in Bhubaneswar last week. In his speech, Lal quoted from Ramcharitmanas and the Vedas, where women have been put on the highest pedestal. Lal was all praise for women who are working tirelessly in various fields and lauded women for making a difference and contributing to the growth of the nation.



Arundhati Jewellers felicitates Dutee Chand and Anushka Priyadarshini

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Arundhati Jewellers felicitated sprinter Dutee Chand and Blogger Anushka Priyadarshini at its Bhubaneswar flagship store. During this felicitation programme, Brahmananda Meher, Managing Director, Arundhati Jewellers, spoke a few words on the significance of women's day and expressed his appreciation for their contribution to the world.

Imran Amin Siddiqui assumes charge as ED of Indian Bank

Imran Amin Siddiqui assumed charge as Executive Director of Indian Bank from March 10, 2021. Siddiqui is an Engineering Graduate from HBTU, Kanpur and a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. He started his banking career with the erstwhile Allahabad Bank as a SSI Field Officer in 1987 and in a career spanning over 33 years, he has worked in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in various capacities.

Nitesh Ranjan assumes charge as ED of Union Bank of India

Nitesh Ranjan has assumed charge as the Executive Director of Union Bank of India from March 10, 2021, appointed by the central government. Ranjan has been with the Bank since 2008. He has served as Chief General Manager, responsible for steering the bank's vision and goals, including the strategic agenda of end-to-end digitalisation. Prior to this, he was the head of Treasury operations and has also occupied several other important positions.

India enter speciality ward

Taking a leaf out of England's book, hosts start preparations for WC

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

MORE than a month after they arrived on Indian shores, you finally seem to get the feel there could be a mouth-watering contest on offer, where two evenly matched sides lock horns. With the T20 World Cup scheduled for October-November, the India vs England series starting Friday gains weightage.

They may not admit it openly, but England are the team that India want to be, especially in limited-overs. On Thursday, Virat Kohli was asked if his side will be the favourites to lift the T20 World Cup, and he instead picked England. "I actually think it is England who will be the team to beat. They are the number one side in the world and the prime focus will be on them," he said.

Kohli is a captain full of pride. He will seldom write an opponent team's name before his. Here he was putting his team below England. Maybe, it is a mind game. But if it is indeed a frank assessment, Kohli couldn't have been any more precise. For years, England have been the stand-out team in limited-overs and after winning the 50-over World Cup at home in 2019, they are now chasing the T20 World Cup.

Then there is Kohli's India. A team



England players during a practice session ahead of the first T20I against India in Ahmedabad | pmi

that has had a paradigm shift in how they go about their T20s. They have lost only two bilateral series since 2016 and have won 13 of their last 15 matches. But England are going to be their biggest test, a series that will show where exactly they stand and where they need to work on in the next seven months before the party begins at home in the festival period. "We have played with a certain kind of pattern in the past. We did not have a big tournament to work towards in the past. If you look at the squad, the additions we have made, we have tried to address a few things we needed in specific. Guys who can be X-factors with the bat and do things which are the need of the hour in T20 cricket. These guys have done so on a regular basis in the IPL so we have tried to cover all those basics.

Now it will be interesting to see how they go about in these games," he said.

Having such players means, teams tend to play a lot more aggressive and high-risk cricket where they are forever looking to seize the initiative through boundaries. By opting for such approach, there could be off-days too where hit and miss may not work. But at least, India are not looking to hold themselves back anymore.

"This time around, you will see guys playing more freely, more expressive in terms of approaching the innings even after we have lost couple of wickets which wasn't the case to be honest because we did not have enough depth in the batting to play freely for about 10 to 12 overs," Kohli said.

Aditya, Sourav have eye on Covid scene before Q school

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 situation has forced established Indian cueists, including Aditya Mehta and Sourav Kothari to adopt a wait and watch policy before they decide on travelling to the UK for the World Snooker Q school. The pandemic brought sports to a halt last year, but tournaments have gradually resumed in the country.

The ongoing Bangalore Snooker Academy's All-India Snooker Championship in the city is the second event for both the players after the lockdown period.

Such competitions provide them a picture where they really stand before heading to the Q school, which is a three-series event. Players who reach the semifinals in any of the three will get a card tour for two years.

"Obviously, I have to qualify. The Q school could be in May, but with the current Covid situation, it is hard to say whether that is going to be done or not. As of now, it is a wait and watch (for Q school)," Aditya told this daily.

With just 12 spots available, attaining the pro tour card from the qualifiers is always going to be tough. What has made matters even more tough for the duo is lack of top competitions. Aditya suffered a shocking Round of 64 exit here on Wednesday. Kothari defeated Lax-



Aditya Mehta in action | MEGHANA SASTRY

man Rawat to reach the quarterfinals of the competition.

In fact Kothari, who is confident about his game at present, has had his eyes on the Q school since last year and even got his tickets booked as well, but Covid struck, spoiling his plans. And there is a lot of uncertainty this time around as well.

"I wish I can go to Q school this year, but that is currently in limbo. Let us see how things pan out with the travel restrictions, new strains and all that," said Kothari.

"You always want to play at the highest level at some point in your life. You do not want to be stagnated...just play in India. I want to see how it feels to brush shoulders with those players and where I stand. If not now, when? Has to be now or the next couple of years."

Pak, USA yet to arrive, EFI defers WC qualifiers

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IT'S very rare for an international sporting meet to get postponed on the eve of its commencement. But during Covid times nothing is unusual. The World Cup Qualifiers for Equestrian Tent Pegging, scheduled to be held in Greater Noida from Friday, was postponed by a couple of days as two teams failed to reach in time.

"The event is slated from March 14 to 16," Jaiveer Singh, secretary-general of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI), said. The event is jointly organised by EFI and Equiworld Sports, a private firm.

Earlier, Equiworlds in an official statement said the event will be held from March 11-14. It had also said that seven countries, including India, Russia, USA, Belarus, Pakistan, Sudan and Bahrain were expected to compete. However, since then Russia, Sudan and Bahrain have pulled out of the event due to surge in coronavirus cases across the globe. "Belarus arrived on Wednesday night. Pakistan team members also got visas on Wednesday. We are expecting the USA to get the visas on Friday," said a source. A seven-member team from the neighbouring country is expected to take part in the qualifiers.

FCBU clinch BDFA Super Division title

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FC Bengaluru United were crowned BDFA Super Division champions after they beat FC Decan 1-0 in their final match of the league at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Thursday. Robert Junior Primus scored the lone goal for the winning team, who have been consistent in the competition. With this win, they have got an unassailable four-point lead at the top as they have 31 points on the table. FCBU owner Gaurav Manchanda also praised his players for their high level of commitment throughout the league.

Primus is also set to leave the city on March 17 and join his national team Trinidad and Tobago for the upcoming World Cup qualifiers matches later this month.

Karnataka lose to Mumbai in Vijay Hazare Trophy SF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA have been knocked out of the Vijay Hazare Trophy as Mumbai beat the defending champions in the semifinals by 72 runs at the Airforce Complex Ground in Palam, Delhi on Thursday. With this win, Mumbai maintained their unbeaten record in the competition. They have set up a final clash with Uttar Pradesh, who beat Gujarat by five wickets at Arun Jaitley Stadium.

Karnataka were outdone by Prithvi Shaw. The opener continued his impressive run, scoring his fourth hundred of the tournament and second in succession. His 122-ball 165 comprised 17 fours and seven sixes.

It was the third wicket partnership of 159 runs between Shaw and Shams Mulani that helped Mumbai to 322 all out. Prasidh Krishna (3/64) and V

Vyshak (4/56) struck late.

With such a massive target on the board, all eyes were on Karnataka's in-form openers -- Ravikumar Samarth and Devdutt Padikkal -- but the former fell cheaply. The latter was the mainstay as they were 81/3.

But the target looked even more massive when they lost Padikkal (64) in the 20th over. Karnataka needed someone else besides the openers to score big, but the middle and the lower order failed to make it count. Though BR Sharath and Shreyas Gopal scored 61 and 33 respectively, they were eventually bundled out for 250 to exit the tournament.

Brief scores: Gujarat 184 in 48.1 ovs (Het 60; Dayal 3/34) lost to UP 188/5 in 42.4 ovs (Nath 71). Mumbai 322 in 49.2 ovs (Shaw 165; Vyshak 4/56, Prasidh 3/64) bt K'taka 250 in 42.4 ovs (Padikkal 64, Sharath 61).

EXPRESS READ

Akarsh vs Rethin in tennis tourney final

BENGALURU: Akarsh Gaonkar played an impressive game to beat fourth seed Skanda Prasanna Rao 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 to reach the final of the AITA U-18 CS-7 National ranking Championship here on Thursday. He will meet Rethin Pranav, who defeated Adith Amarnath 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in the last four, for the title-decider.

India skipper Chhetri tests positive for Covid

BENGALURU: Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri on Thursday said he has tested positive for Covid-19, a development that is set to rule him out of the international friendly against Oman on March 25 in Dubai. He announced this news on Twitter. He is also likely to miss the friendly against UAE at the same venue.

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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items:

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE 8(1)]

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (NOW DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 12-11-2020 calling upon the borrowers (1) **M/s Cornerstone Property Private Limited** (Borrower Firm & Corporate Guarantor to CPIPL), # 583, 1st Cross, 9th Main, Off: CMH Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560038, (2) Sri Byappanahalli Prabhakar Reddy Kumar Babu, Aged 48 years, Managing Director / Guarantor to CPPL), S/o Sri Munireddy Prabhakar Reddy, # 132, Vishnu Paadham, 4th Main, Defence Colony, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038, (3) Smt Kumudha Kumar Babu, Aged 45 years (Director / Guarantor / Mortgagee to CPPL), W/o Sri B. P. Kumar Babu, # 132, Vishnu Paadham, 4th Main, Defence Colony, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038, (4) Sri M. Kiran Ponacha, Aged 46 years (Guarantor / Mortgagee to CPPL), S/o Sri M. P. Poonacha, # 309, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Sadanandnagar, Bengaluru - 560038, (5) Smt Premakala Prabhakar Reddy, (Guarantor / Mortgagee to CPPL), W/o Sri Munireddy Prabhakar Reddy, # 3783, 13th B Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038, (6) M/s BPK Holdings Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor to CPPL), #583, 1st Cross, 9th Main, Off: CMH Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560038, (7) M/s Cornerstone Bay City Development Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor to CPPL), # 583, 1st Cross, 9th Main, Off: CMH Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560038, (8) M/s Cornerstone Property Investments Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor to CPPL), # 583, 1st Cross, 9th Main, Off: CMH Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560038, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being ₹ 132,65,53,593.71 (Rupees one hundred thirty two crore sixty five lakh fifty three thousand five hundred ninety three and paise seventy one only) as on 02-11-2020 and interest from 03-11-2020, along with applicable costs and charges with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental charges, costs, Recovery / Enforcement Agent's charges, etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagees and public in general, that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this 6th March of the year 2021.

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagees in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (NOW DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED), Bengaluru Main Branch, for an amount of ₹138,75,16,792.71 (Rupees one hundred thirty eight crore seventy five lakh sixteen thousand seven hundred ninety two and paise seventy one only) as on 05-03-2021 and interest from 02-03-2021 and charges thereon.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagees' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Property No. 1: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/1P1 measuring 24 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 2/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 84/1 and 82/2, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 82/1, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 85, Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 2: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/P2 measuring 9 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 2/3, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 2/2, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 395, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 2/4B, standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 3: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/2 measuring 9 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 2/P2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 2/1, On the North by: Village Boundary of Amani Bellandur Khane and Land in Sy.No.395, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 71/3 (as per sale deed) and Sy.No. 2/4B (as per MODT), Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 4: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 71/3 measuring 19 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Remaining Portion of the same Sy.No. On the West by : Remaining portion of the same Survey. Number. On the North by: Remaining portion of the same Sy.No., On the South (As per Sale Deed) by: Land bearing Sy.No. 71/3, Road, remaining portion of the same Sy. No. 71/3 and land bearing Sy. No. 67 and (As per MODT) Land bearing Sy. No. 72/2 and 74/2, Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 5: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 82/1 measuring 19 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Amani Bellandur Khane Village boundary, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 83/2 and 83/4, On the North by: Kaluve, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 82/2 and 2/1, Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 6: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 85 measuring 1 acre 35 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 2/4B and remaining portion of the same survey number. On the West by: Remaining portion of the same survey number and Land bearing Sy.No. 54/4 of Varthur Village, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 2/1 and 84/1, On the South by: Gramthana Boundary and remaining portion of the same Survey Number, Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 7: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 395 measuring 28 guntas** situated at Amani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Grave yard, On the West by : Land bearing Sy.No. 82/1, On the North by: Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No. 395, On the South by: Village boundary of Sorahunse Village and land bearing Sy.No. 2/2 and 2/3, Standing in the Name of CPIPL.

Property No. 8: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/4A2 measuring 20 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Property bearing Sy. No. 2/4A3, On the West by: property bearing Sy.No. 2/4A1, On the North by: Property bearing Sy.No. 2/4B, On the South by: Gramathana, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 9: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/9 measuring 10 ½ guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: (As per Sale Deed) On the East by: Kaluve, On the West by: Road and land bearing Sy. No. 2/5, On the North by: land bearing Sy. No. 2/5 & Kaluve, On the South by: remaining portion of the same Sy. No. 2/9 and (As per MODT) On the East by Drainage, On the West by 20 feet road, On the North by property belonging to Smt Papamma, On the South by property belonging to Smt Papamma, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu (rep by GPA holder).

Property No. 10: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 71/3 ad-measuring 2 acres 11 guntas** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District and Bound: On the East by: Remaining portion of the same survey number measuring 36 guntas, On the West by: Kaluve, On the North by: Kaluve, On the South by: Raja Kaluve, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 11: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No.82/2 measuring 1.08 guntas** situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and Bound: On the East by: Remaining portion of the land in Sy. No. 82/2, On the West by: property bearing Sy.No.83/2, On the North by: Property bearing Sy.No. 82/1 (as per sale deed) and by property bearing Sy. No. 83/1 (As per MODT), On the South by: property bearing Sy.No. 84.

Property No. 12: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 82/2 measuring 1.08 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and Bound: On the East by: Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 82/2, On the West by: Property bearing Sy.No. 81, On the North by: Property bearing Sy.No. 82/1, On the South by: Road.

Property No. 13: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land (As per sale deed): bearing **Sy.No. 83/1 measuring 20 guntas** and land bearing **Sy. No. 84/2 measuring 2 guntas, together ad-measuring 22 guntas** both situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Sri Kaki Venkatappa, On the West by: Property belonging to Sri Muni Venkata Reddy, On the North by: Property belonging to Smt Gowamma, On the South by: Property belonging to Sri Kaki Venkatappa in Sy. No. 85 and (As per MODT): All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land-bearing **Sy.No. 83/1 measuring 20 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, converted from agricultural to NON Agricultural Residential purposes and Bound: On the East by : Property bearing Sy. NO. 83/2, On the West by: Property bearing Sy. No 83/3, On the North by Kaluve, On the South by border of Varthur Village, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 14: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land (As per Sale Deed) bearing **Sy.No. 83/2 measuring 3 guntas** and **Sy. No. 83/4 measuring 15 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Munishamy Reddy, On the West by Property belonging to M. Venkataswamy Reddy, On the North by Canal, On the South by property belonging to Pillappa Reddy and (As per MODT) All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 83/2 measuring 3 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and Bound: On the East by Land bearing Sy. No. 82, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No.83/4, On the North by: Road, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 83/4, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 15: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 83/3 measuring 2 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound (As per Sale Deed) On the East by property belonging to M. Venkataswamy Reddy, On the West by property belonging to M. Venkataswamy Reddy, On the North by Canal, On the South by property belonging to M. Venkataswamy Reddy and (As per MODT) On East by: land bearing Sy. No. 83/1, On the West by: Border of Varthur Village, On the North by: Road, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 83/1, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 16: As per Sale Deed: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy. No. 83/2 and 83/4 measuring 15 guntas**, situated at Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District Bound: On the East by property belonging to Munishamy Reddy, On the West by property belonging to M. Venkataswamy Reddy, On the North by Canel, On the South by property belonging to Pillappa Reddy and As Per MODT: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 83/4 measuring 12 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Land bearing Sy.No. 83/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy.No.83/1, On the North by: Road, On the South by: Land bearing Sy.No. 84, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 17: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 84/1 measuring 15.08 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 84/1, On the West by: Border of Kasaba - Varthur, On the North by: Land in Sy.No.84/2, On the South by: Land in Sy.No. 85 and Road, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 18: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 84/1 measuring 15.08 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Land in Sy.No.84/1, On the West by: Border of Varthur Village, On the North by: Land in Sy.No. 84/2 and 82, On the South by: Land in Sy.No. 85, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 19: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 84/2 measuring 2 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Property bearing Sy.No.84/1, On the West by: Border of Varthur Village, On the North by: Property bearing Sy.No. 82 and 83, On the South by: Property bearing Sy.No. 84/1, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 20: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 85 measuring 24 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Remaining portion of the same survey number 85, On the West by : Kumudha Kumar Babu's land in Sy.No. 54/4, On the North by: Remaining Portion of the same Sy.No. 85, On the South by: Remaining portion of the same Sy.No.85, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu.

Property No. 21: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 73/2 measuring 5 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Sri. B Ramaiah Reddy, On the West by: Property belonging to Sri. Srinivas Reddy, On the North by: Property belonging to Smt. Saradamma, On the South by: Property belonging to Srinivasa Reddy, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 22: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No.73/2 measuring 18 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Property belonging to Ashwath Reddy and Ramaiah Reddy, On the West by :Property belonging to Anjaneya Reddy, On the North by: Property belonging to Sharadamma, On the South by: Property belonging to Ramaswamy Reddy, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 23: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 77/2 measuring 29 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Smt. Kumudha Kumar Babu, On the West by: property belonging to Sri, Nanjunda Reddy, On the North by: Property belonging to Venkataramana Reddy @ Vasappa, On the South by: Ramaiah Reddy, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 24: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 77/3 measuring 17 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Kaluve, On the West by : Land belonging to Sarojamma, On the North by: Land belonging to Chennappa Reddy, On the South by: Land belonging to Ramaiah Reddy, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 25: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 402 (As per Sale Deed) and Sy.No. 400/2 (As per MODT) measuring 1 acre 21 guntas** situated in Amani Bellandur Khane Village Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, converted and Bound: On the East by : Sorahunse Village Border, On the West by : Land bearing Sy.No. 400/1, On the North by: Land bearing Sy.No. 400/2, On the South by: Sorahunse Village Border, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 26: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 401/2 measuring 15 ¼ guntas** situated in Amani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, and Bound: On the East by : Property belonging to Gureddy, Ramaswamy Reddy, On the West by : property belonging to Sri, Chowda Reddy, On the North by: Property belonging to Gureddy, On the South by: Property belong to Nanja Reddy, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 27: All that piece and parcel converted land bearing **Sy.No. 412/3 measuring 17 guntas** situated in Amani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Sayed Hussein, On the West by: property belonging to Ramaiah S/o Laxmaiah, On the North by: Joku Kaluve, On the South by: property belonging to Ramaiah S/o Biddappa, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 28: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No.412/3 measuring 15 guntas** situated in Amani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by: Property belonging to Sidda Reddy On the West by: property belonging to Ramaiah, On the North by: Jogu Kaluve, On the South by: Remaining part of the land bearing Sy.No. 412/3, Standing in the Name of: Smt. Premakala Prabhakar Reddy.

Property No. 29: All that piece and parcel of converted and undeveloped land bearing **Sy.No. 2/4A1 measuring 20 guntas** situated in Sorahunse Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Bound: On the East by : Sy.No. 2/4A2 property belongs to Mr. V Munishwamy Reddy @ Munishami Reddy S/o Sri. M. Venkataswamy Reddy, and others, On the West by: Remaining portion of the same Sy.No. On the North by: Sy.No. 2/4B, On the South by: Sorahunse Village Gramathana, Standing in the Name of: Sri. Kiran Ponacha.

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SUPERCAM
Mounted on the rover's mast, the shoebox-sized gizmo is packed with spectrometers, a laser, and an audio recording device to analyse the chemistry, mineralogy and molecular composition of Mars' famously red surface

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rock and soil samples the rover is tasked with collecting for analysis on Earth

Techies open up about mishap
1 The mission suffered a serious mishap before liftoff, revealed LANL's Scott Robinson, who said more than 500 engineers and scientists contributed to the project

2 The mast unit optics were destroyed in a freak accident just four months before delivery, he explained. "The team scrambled to pull together spare parts to rebuild the telescope from scratch," Robinson said. But the accident turned out to be a blessing in disguise

Perseverance's SuperCam gets to work on Mars
The bundle of instruments known as SuperCam on board the Perseverance Mars rover has collected its first samples in the hunt for past life on the Red Planet, mission scientists said

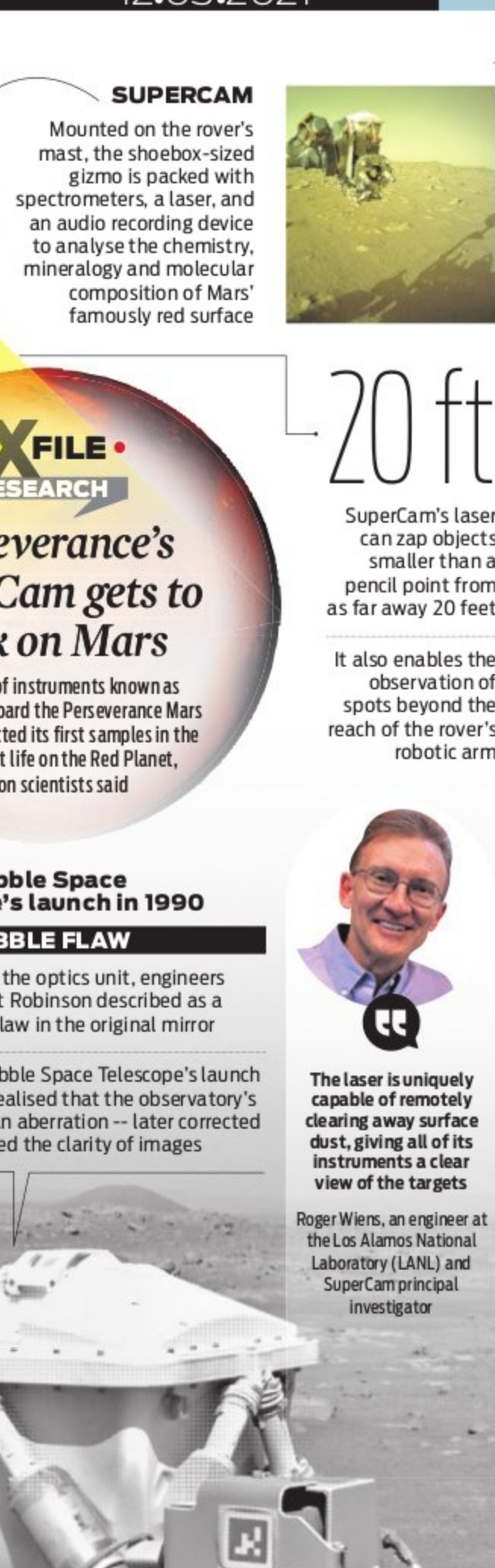
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SuperCam's laser can zap objects smaller than a pencil point from as far away 20 feet

It also enables the observation of spots beyond the reach of the rover's robotic arm

Hubble Space Telescope's launch in 1990
HUBBLE FLAW
In reassembling the optics unit, engineers discovered what Robinson described as a "Hubble-like" flaw in the original mirror

Shortly after the Hubble Space Telescope's launch in 1990, operators realised that the observatory's primary mirror had an aberration -- later corrected -- that affected the clarity of images

SuperCam's 5.6-kg head can do 5 types of geological analysis



EXFILE RESEARCH

The laser is uniquely capable of remotely clearing away surface dust, giving all of its instruments a clear view of the targets

Roger Wiens, an engineer at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and SuperCam principal investigator

New TB regimen found effective

Oral 3-drug combination shows promise in S Africa trial for highly drug-resistant tuberculosis

RESEARCH

JOHANNESBURG: Almost all patients who received a new treatment for highly drug-resistant tuberculosis are still clear of the disease two years after a medical trial in South Africa, findings from a long-term study showed Thursday.

By comparison, "five years ago if you were diagnosed with a drug resistant TB, at five years after diagnosis, 80% of people had passed on," lead researcher Dr. Pauline Howell told AFP. The findings, which have yet to be published, were presented this week at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), held online this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Not only did it cure nine out of ten people, but pretty much everyone maintained their cure or had durable cure at the end of two years after finishing treatment," Howell said.

The six-month, all-oral regi-



A free medical camp organised under India's Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) in Madurai, Tamil Nadu | EXPRESS

men of bedaquiline, pretomanid and linezolid (BPaL) cures highly drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis and drastically shortens the treatment period from two years, with few side effects.

Previous anti-tuberculosis drugs are reported to have severe side effects, including making people psychotic or changing their skin colour.

With older treatments, patients had to take up to 20,000 tablets over a two-year period. "It was way too long and way too toxic," Howell said.

The Nix-TB trial by the TB Alliance of South Africa tested the three-drug BPaL regimen on 109 patients at three sites in the country.

Preliminary trials achieved a 90% success rate after six

months of treatment and six months of post-treatment follow-ups.

By two years after the treatment, only two patients had challenges, with one falling off the study and another relapsing at 15 months.

Since the US-based Food and Drug Administration first approved BPaL in August 2019, countries with the highest number of highly drug-resistant TB infections including Russia, India, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and South Africa have either approved the use of the regimen or begun operational or clinical testing.

South Africa is one of the countries with the highest number of TB cases.

Globally, 7.1 million people were reported to have been newly diagnosed with TB in 2019, up from 7.0 million in 2018 according to the World Health Organisation. The same figure was below six million annually in 2009-2012.

AstraZeneca vaccine hit with suspensions over blood clots

MEDICINE

THE HAGUE: Several countries suspended the use of AstraZeneca's vaccine on Thursday over blood clot fears, prompting Europe's medical agency to quickly reassure the public there were no known health risks linked to the jab.

Denmark, Norway and Iceland all suspended the use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab over fears it could be linked to blood clots. In a statement on Thursday, the European Medicines Agency said "the vaccine's benefits continue to outweigh its risks and the vaccine can continue to be administered" while a closer evaluation of the blood clot cases continues.

"There is currently no indication that vaccination has caused these conditions," the regulator said. It said the number of people with blood clots in vaccinated people was no higher than those who hadn't been inoculated.

Some doctors pointed out that people now being immunised are more likely to already have health problems and that it would be difficult to determine whether a vaccine shot is responsible.

Covid & kidney disorders



HEALTH

While the effect of Covid-19 is well known on cardiovascular diseases or lungs, health experts on Thursday warned that Covid-19 patients with kidney problems need to be highly cautious too, or it may damage their kidneys. Many individuals who develop Covid-19 experience kidney damage, or acute kidney injury (AKI), also known as acute renal failure (ARF). A study in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* showed that in patients with Covid-19, AKI was uncommon.

Key global number for climate policy to be recalculated

SCIENCE

PARIS: The United States is updating a figure that experts say could help transform American climate action and reverberate around the world -- the price it puts on future damages to society caused by carbon

pollution today.

That all-important number -- the dollar value of the climate change harm attributable to a tonne of CO2 -- is known as the social cost of carbon (SCC), or as some have called it, "the most important number you've never heard of".

Put simply, a higher number can spur more aggressive policies to tame global warming, a lower number may make action seem unaffordable.

As part of his efforts to resuscitate America's climate change fight, President Joe Biden last month restored the

SCC to Obama-era levels of \$51, after the Trump administration slashed it to as low as \$1.

But Biden's new measures are only a first step in a sweeping recalibration, with a final finding to be shown in a year.

Essentially the number asks: How much are we willing to pay

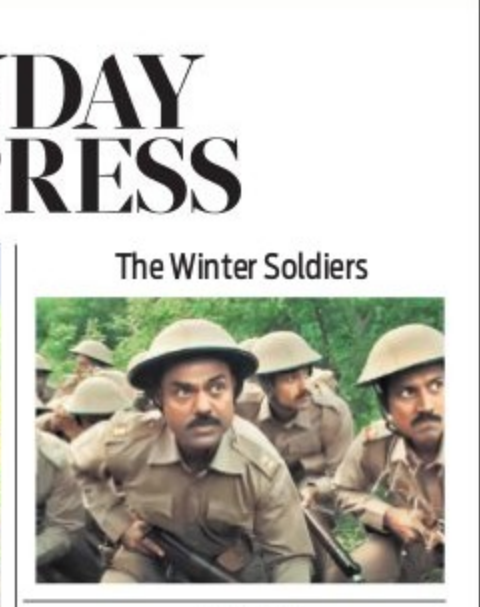
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It considers future illness and deaths from heatwaves, small particle pollution, climate-enhanced natural disasters, property damage, reductions in agricultural production, disruption to energy systems.

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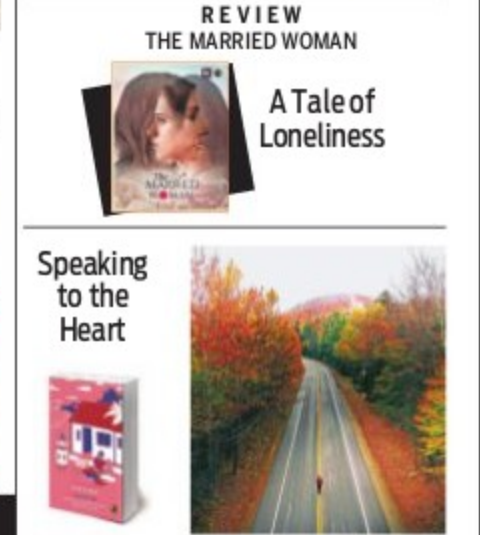
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